

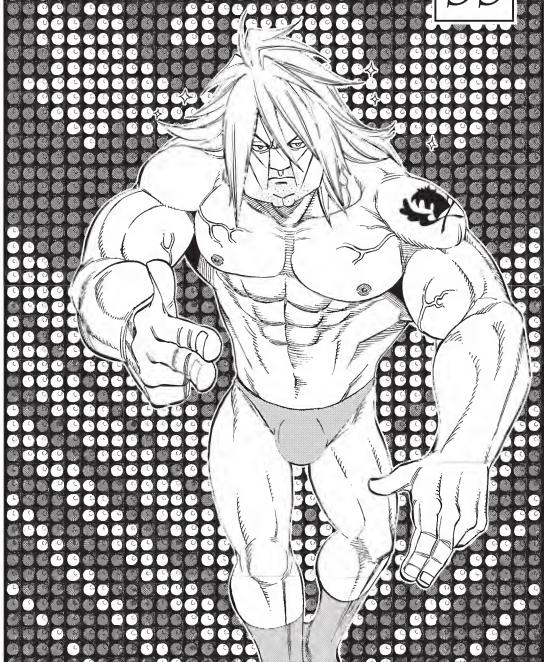
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Hiro Mashima Creator of *Rave Master*

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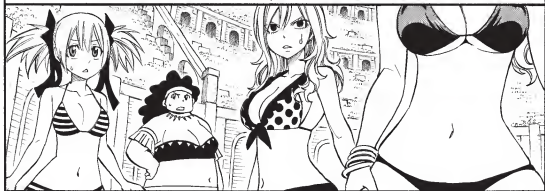
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FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Grand Magic Games Fourth Day Interim Results

1. Saber Tooth 34P+10	→	1. Saber Tooth 44P
2. Mermaid Heel 32P+3	↘	2. Fairy Tail B 36P
3. Lamia Scale 31P+4	↗	3. Mermaid Heel 35P
4. Fairy Tail B 30P+6	↗	3. Lamia Scale 35P
5. Fairy Tail A 27P+8	→	3. Fairy Tail A 35P
6. Blue Pegasus 18P+2	→	6. Blue Pegasus 20P
7. Quatro Puppy 14P+1	→	7. Quatro Puppy 15P



Chapter 292: Thoughts Joined as One





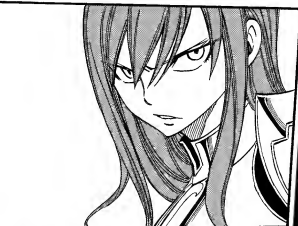
No, I should go in first and do some healing!

Hurry, get Lucy-sama to the infirmary!!



Are you all right?! Speak to me!

What does that jerk think she's doing?!!

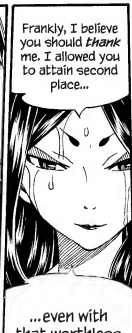


Lucy! Hang in there!

I'll help!



Frankly, I believe you should *thank* me. I allowed you to attain second place...

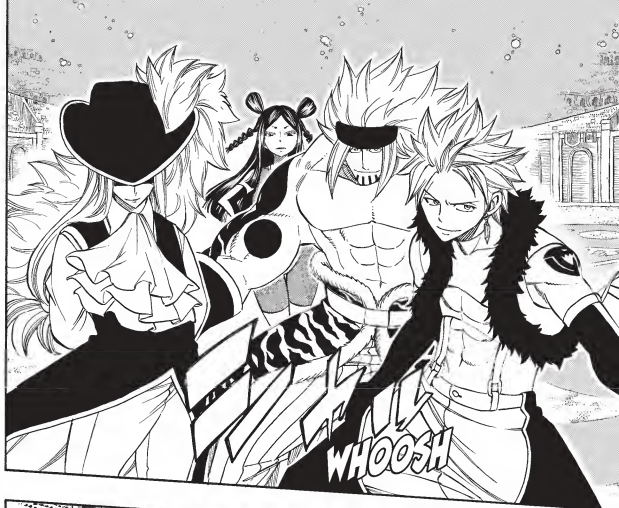


...even with that worthless trash woman of yours.



I simply followed the rules of the match.

Why do you look at me that way?





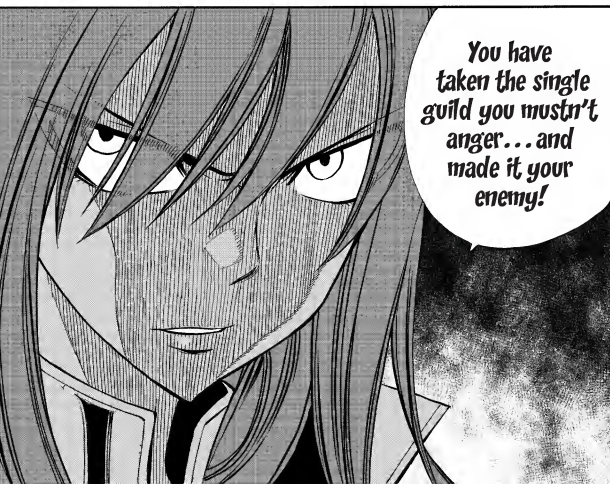
WHOA! BOTH TEAMS
LOOK LIKE THEY'RE A
HAIR'S WIDTH FROM
AN ALL-OUT BATTLE!!!!

GAMMA

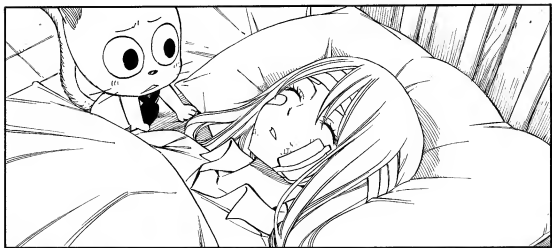
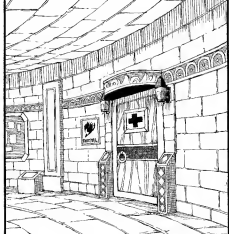


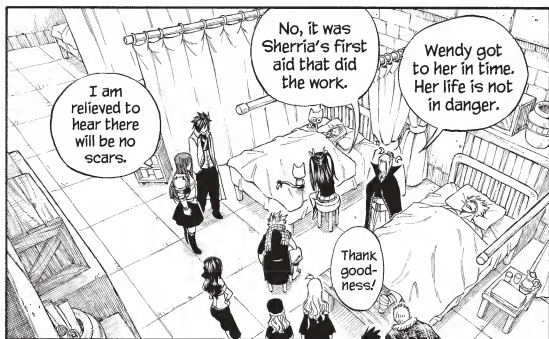
However,
I will say
this one
thing.

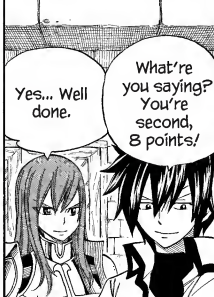
You may
be the
"strongest,"
or "Fiore's
best." I
neither
know nor
care.

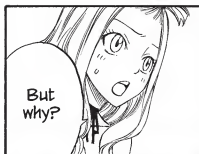


**You have
taken the single
guild you mustn't
anger... and
made it your
enemy!**





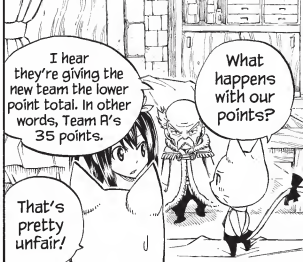






Still, if you think about it, we can combine into an even stronger team.

However, if it is the backer's decision, we can do nothing but accept it...



I hear they're giving the new team the lower point total. In other words, Team A's 35 points.

What happens with our points?

That's pretty unfair!



You should consider your members carefully.

No... Tomorrow may be a day off, but after that is the final day's battle, which includes *all five members*.

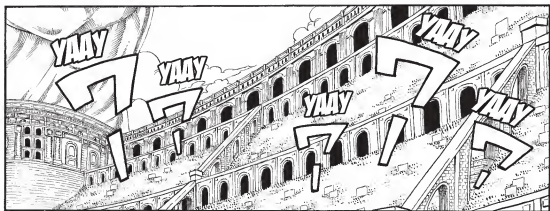


But...even if we cut down to five wizards, all we have left are the tag-battles, right?



**They laughed at my friend!!!!
I don't ever forgive something like that!!!!**

I'm gonna avenge what they did to Lucy!!!!



✂✂~!!
OH!!!

AND THIS TIME,
THE MATCH-
UP CARD HAS
ALREADY BEEN
ANNOUNCED!

Blue Pegasus vs. Quatro Puppy
Mermaid Heel vs. Lamia Scale
Saber Tooth vs. Fairy Tail

I hear the
fourth day's
Battlesh are
a set of "tag"
matches?

THE WORK OF
COMBINING
THE FAIRY
TAIL TEAMS
INTO ONE IS
OVER!

SO NOW
WE CAN
COMMENCE
THE BATTLES
FOR THE
FOURTH
DAY!

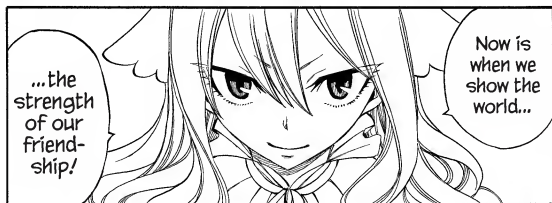
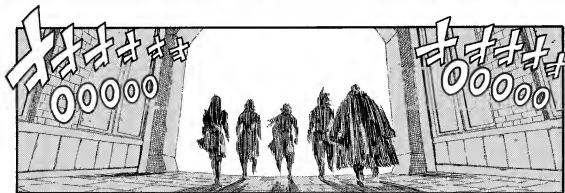
They're
two-on-two
matches!
Should be
fun! Thank
you very
much!

It very much
excites me,
thank you
very much!!

I do
wonder
where this
will lead.

I THINK THE ONE TO
WATCH CLOSEST IS
FAIRY TAIL VS. SABER
TOOTH, CONSIDERING
THEIR RUN-IN TODAY.







**FAIRY
TAIL
HAS
ARRIVED
!!!!**

IN JUST FOUR
DAYS, THEY'VE
RECOVERED ALL
OF THEIR FORMER
POPULARITY!

THESE RAUCOUS
CHEERS MAKE THE
BOODING OF THE
FIRST DAY SEEM
LIKE AN OLD LIE.

FIGHT





Not at all. Yes, that was a failure.

And next time, we'll use more certain methods.



You bastard...!! Are you going to hire thugs again to get her?!

Apparently, she is in the infirmary.



The celestial wizard isn't there!!



The plan will proceed in three days.

But for now, let us enjoy the festival.



Well, Lord Zeref is waiting.



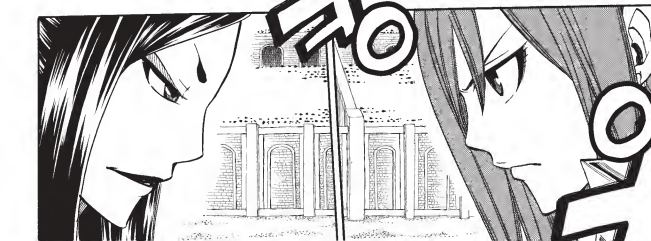
And you're saying that nothing can stop it anymore?



It will change the world.



Eclipse ...





A detailed black and white illustration. A large dragon, with a long, segmented body and a long, pointed tail, is shown breathing a massive plume of fire. The fire is depicted with stylized, swirling flames. In the background, a city with various buildings, including a prominent tower, is visible. The scene is framed by decorative borders at the top and bottom. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the image.

**The
Dragon
King
Festival!**

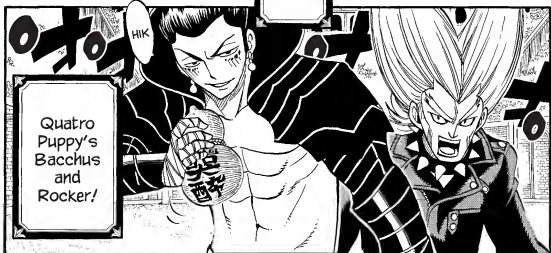
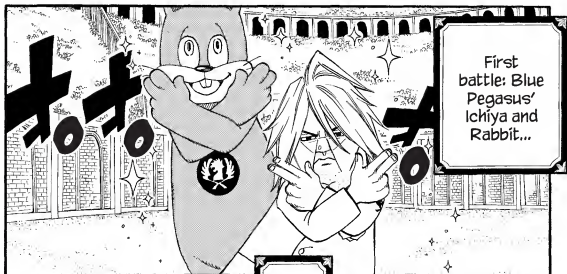
**The feast
of dragons
and men
and magic.**

FAIRY TAIL

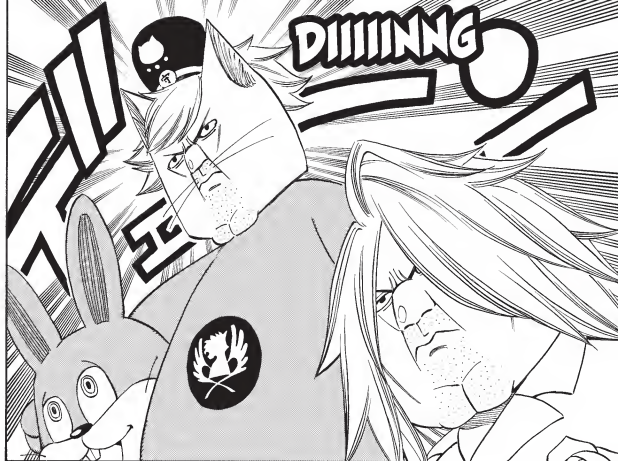
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Chapter 293: A Gift for You of Perfume





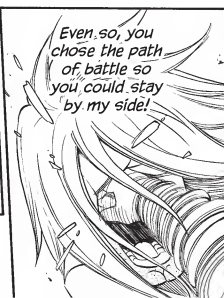
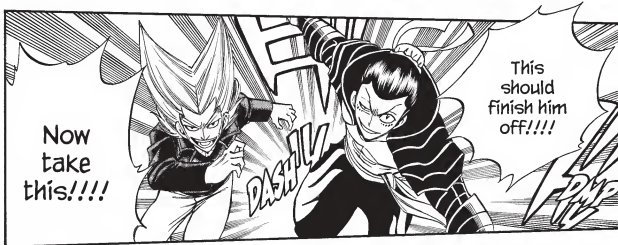
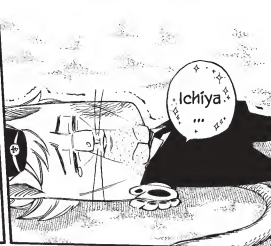














Because you
are handsome,
and handsome
means justice!!!!



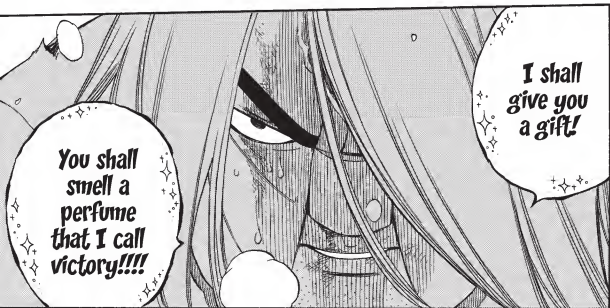
Your wishes
shall **not** be
in vain!!



For
what
reason
do you
suffer
pain?



Why
have you
fallen?



You shall
smell a
perfume
that I call
victory!!!!

I shall
give you
a gift!



This is my
Beautiful
Dreamer's
...

You will
take this
in full!



That's his
Perfume
of Power
!!

Wh-Why's
the guy
turning
wild all
of a
sudden?



VWAAAAAA

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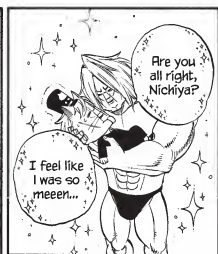
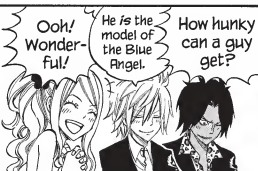
PLUMP
PLUMP
PLUMP
PLUMP

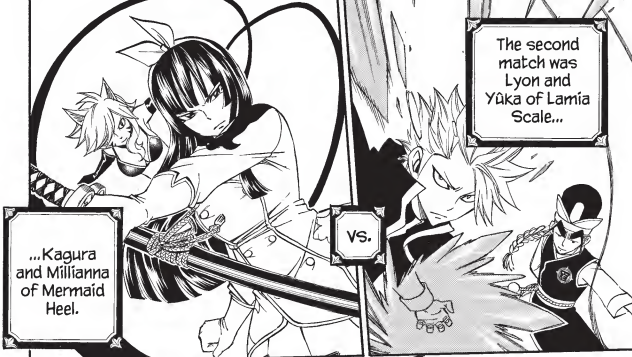
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT



SMILE!







The second match was Lyon and Yûka of Lamia Scale...

...Kagura and Millianna of Mermaid Heel.

VS.

The match went on for thirty minutes without a decision...

...and ended in a draw.

YAAAY
YAAAY
YAAAY

Were this not a "match" but a life-or-death struggle...

That man named Lyon has great potential.

I am unaffected.

Kagura-chan, are you all right?

But I don't think she really got serious.

Yes, Kagura is certainly strong.

Not a single person has ever seen Kagura go all out.

Every year, it's the same.



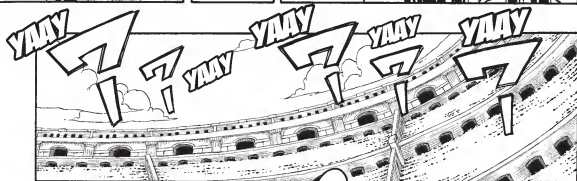
Get stronger.



Urk...



...you would have died, Millianna.

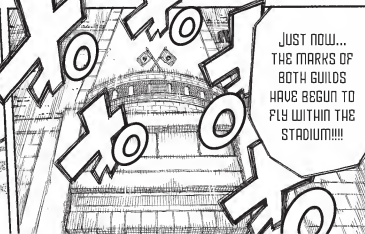


AS THE CHEERS SHOW NO SIGN OF SUBSIDING, WE KNOW YOU WON'T EVEN WANT TO BLINK DURING THIS NEXT BATTLE!!!!



...WILL SETTLE DIFFERENCES WITH TODAY'S STRONGEST GUILD!!!

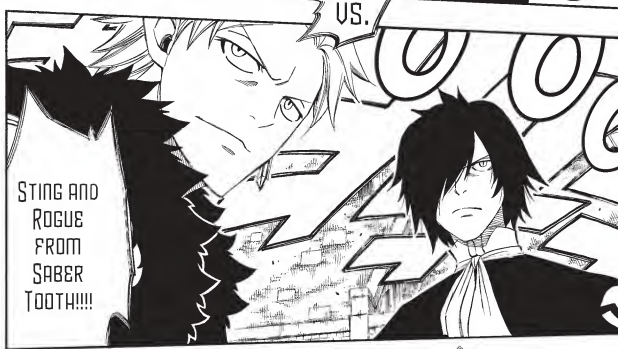
THE GUILD THAT WAS SAID TO BE THE STRONGEST SEVEN YEARS AGO...



JUST NOW... THE MARKS OF BOTH GUILDS HAVE BEGUN TO FLY WITHIN THE STADIUM!!!!

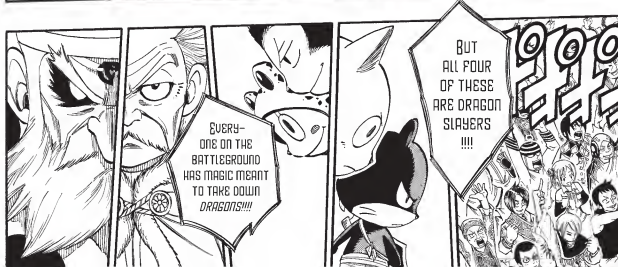


FAIRY TAIL,
NATSU AND
GAJEEL...



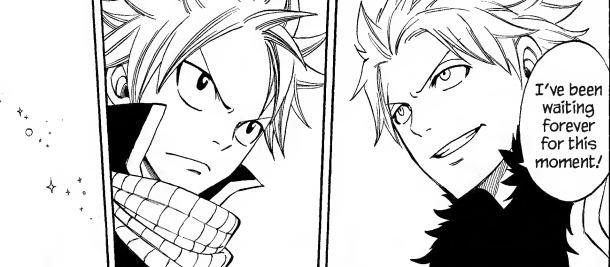
VS.

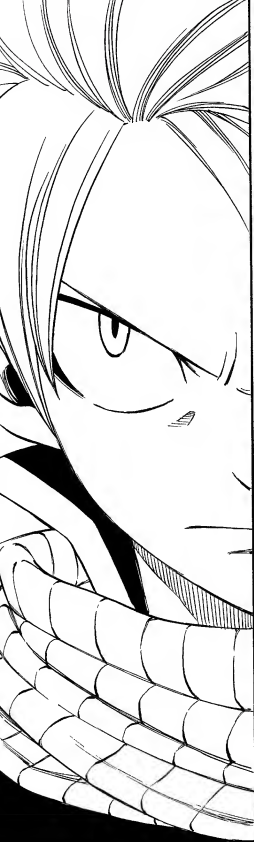
STING AND
ROGUE
FROM
SABER
TOOTH!!!!



EVERY-
ONE ON THE
BATTLEGROUND
HAS MAGIC MEANT
TO TAKE DOWN
DRAGONS!!!!

BUT
ALL FOUR
OF THESE
ARE DRAGON
SLAYERS
!!!!





RUMMBLE

*The
Dragon
King
Festival
will soon
be upon
us!*

*The time
for us to
move is
near!*



IT'S TIME
FOR THE
CLASH
!!!!

Will the
WINNERS BE THE
TIGERS OR THE
FAIRIES?!!! We
HAVE UNLEASHED
FOUR DRAGONS
ONTO THE
BATTLEFIELD
!!!!



FAIRY TAIL

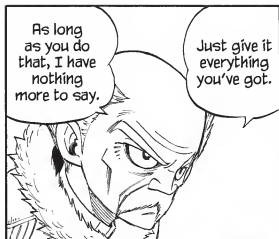


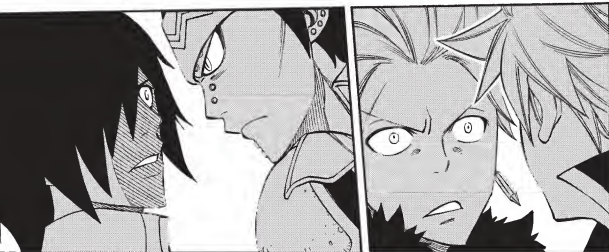
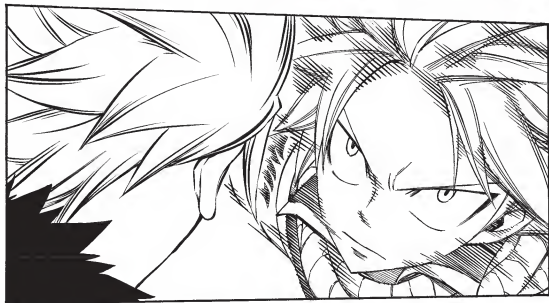
Chapter 294: Battle of the Dragon Slayers

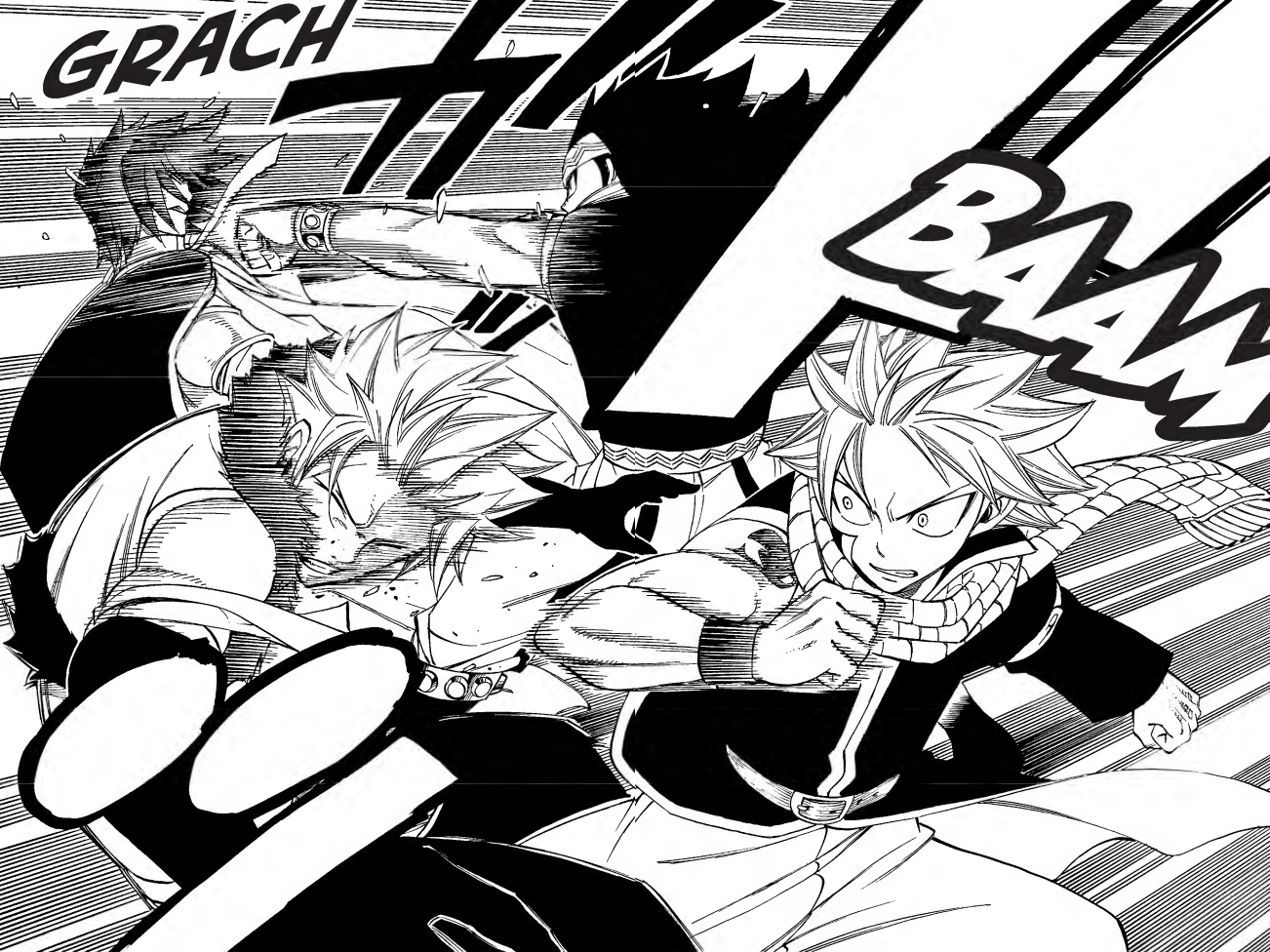


 **FAIRYTAIL**

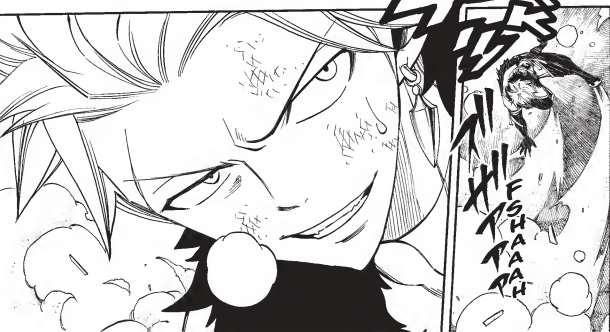
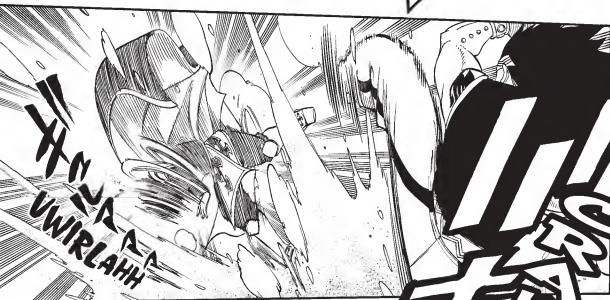














"White Dragon's Roar"



SHKK

FLV
T E
T E
TN
II

...
HÔKÔ*
!!!!



*Shadow Dragon's Slicing Attack



**TETSU-
RYŪ
KEN*
!!!!**

SLASHING

!!

*Iron Dragon Sword

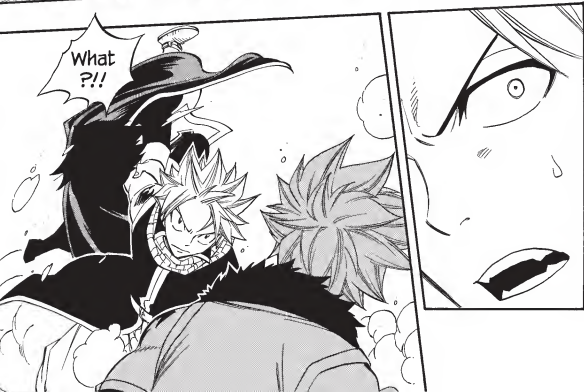
**GEE
HEE!**

!!

Kh...!

Whoom

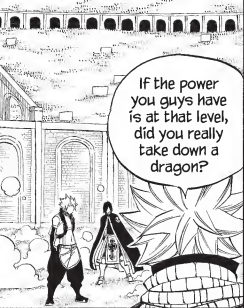
**Hey
!!!!**





BOOOOM

**KARYŪ
NO
YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!**



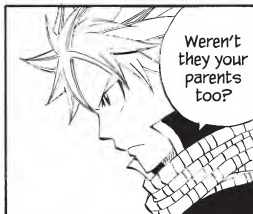
If the power
you guys have
is at that level,
did you really
take down a
dragon?



Gajeel
...



I figured
they'd be
pretty incred-
ible! That's
just how I
want it...



Weren't
they your
parents
too?



We
killed
our
dragons.

We did
not "take
down" our
dragons.

With
our own
hands.



**Shadow
Drive!**

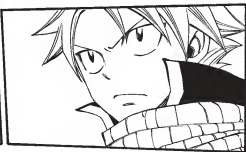
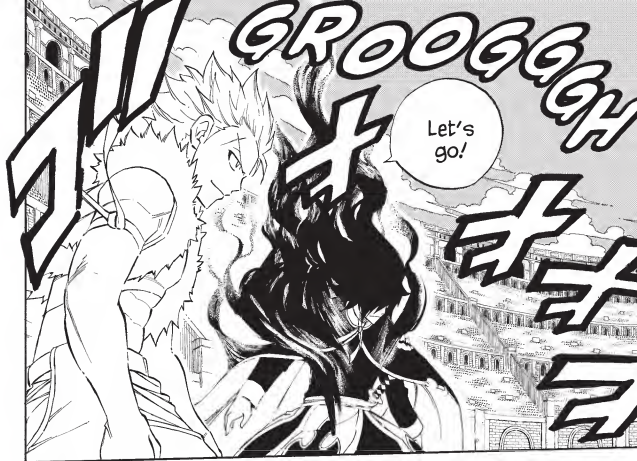


**White
Drive!**

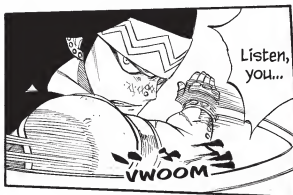


We'll
show you
the power
that killed
dragons
right
now!

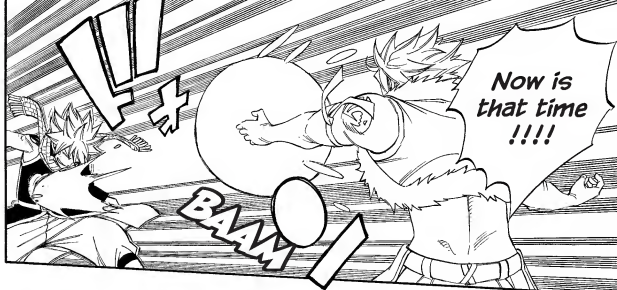
That's got
nothing
to do with
you!



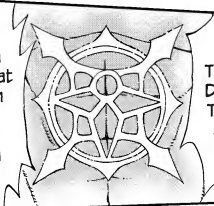








These
stigmata
wounds that
appear on
you now
will keep
you from
moving.

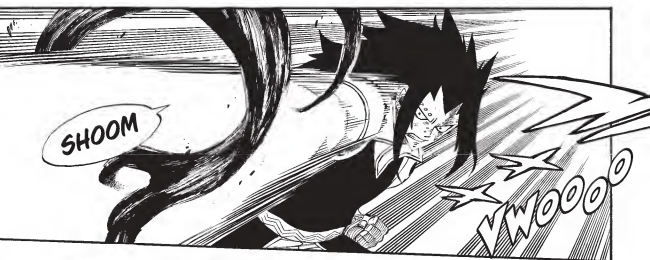


The White
Dragon's
Talons is
a divine
attack.

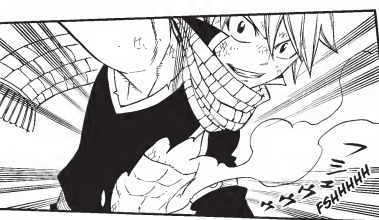


And
with
that...











AND
NEVER
LOOK
DOWN
ON FAIRY
TAIL!!!!

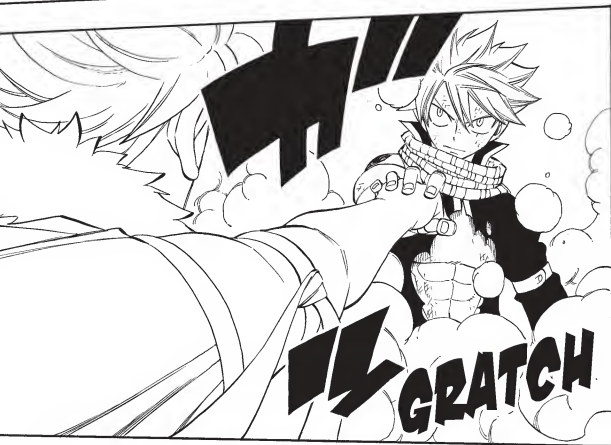
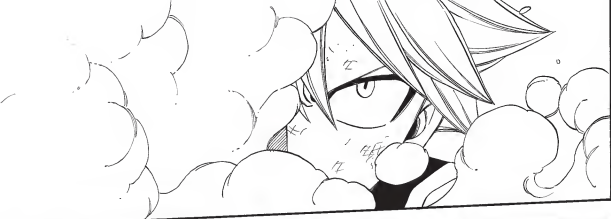
GRAKK



GHAHH!







I have no memory of that attack ever being blocked.

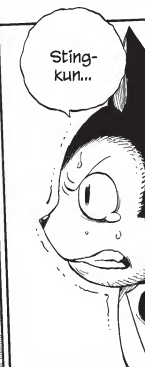
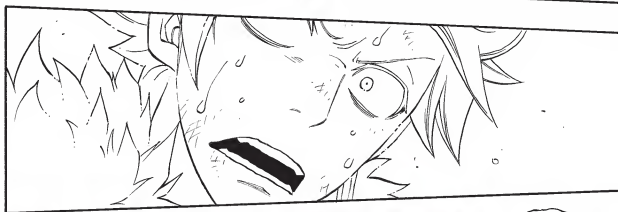
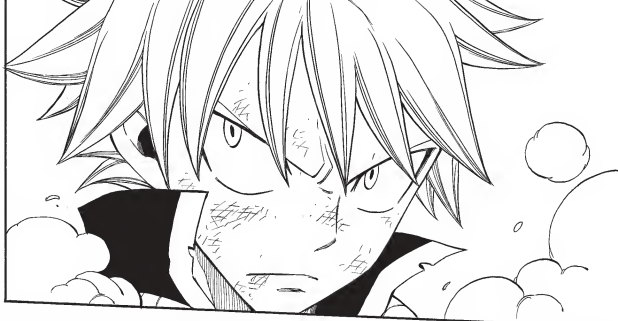
That can't be right!



Huh?

Th-That's impossible...







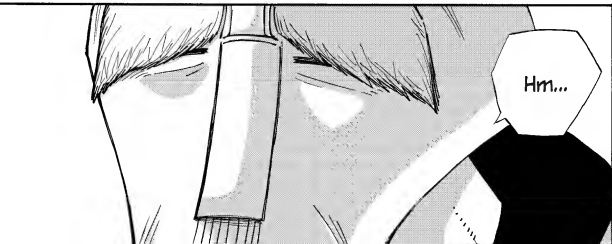
Rogue...



Is this the result of three months of training and their second origins...?



Did it make those two *this* strong?!

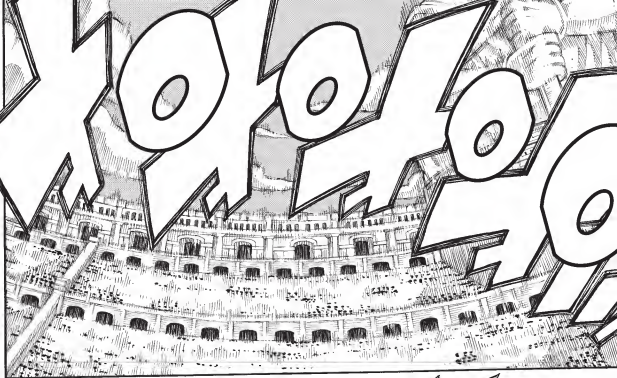


Hm...



IT'S LIKE THE
SABER TOOTH
WIZARDS ARE
COMPLETELY
OUTMATCHED

!!!!



THE SABER TOOTH
TWIN DRAGONS CAN
HARDLY GET A PUNCH
IN ON THE FAIRY TAIL
WIZARDS!!!!



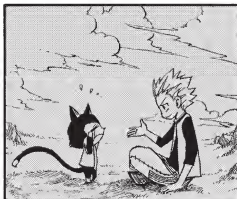
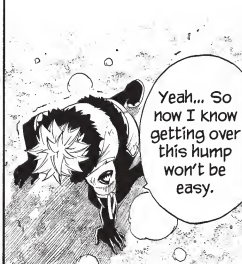
I-I HAVE TO SAY
I'M SHOCKED.....!!
COULD ANYBODY HAVE
PREDICTED THIS TURN
OF EVENTS?!!



IS THIS HOW
THE MATCH
WILL END...?!!

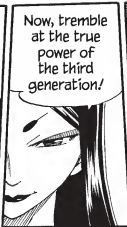


How is this
possible...
Punkin.





I don't believe it!! You mean there are wizards who can do that consciously?!!



Now, tremble at the true power of the third generation!



I-is this... ?!!



What's this magic ?!

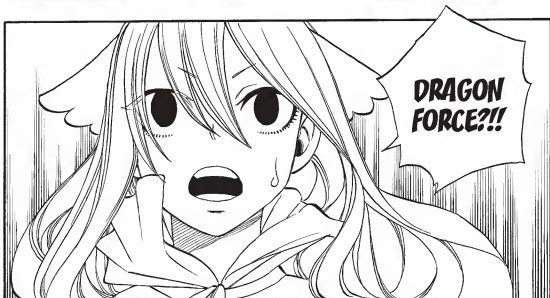


!!

BZT

BZT

BZT

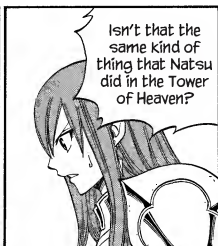
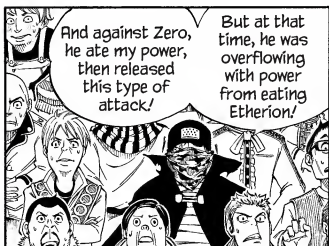
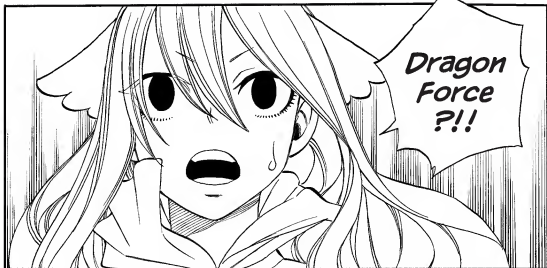


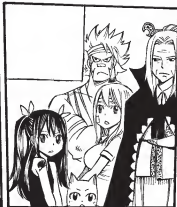
DRAGON FORCE?!!

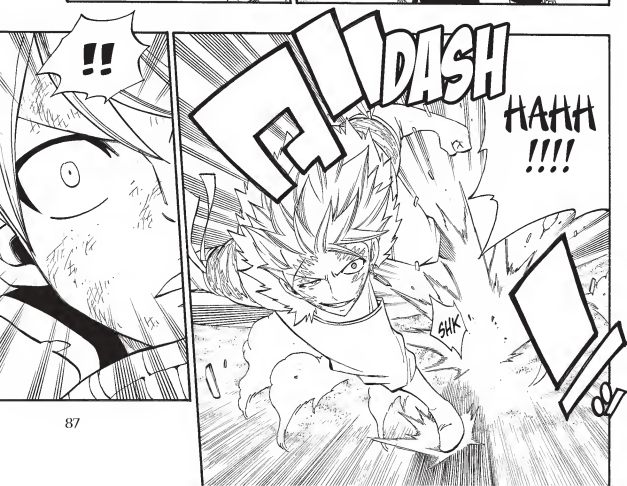
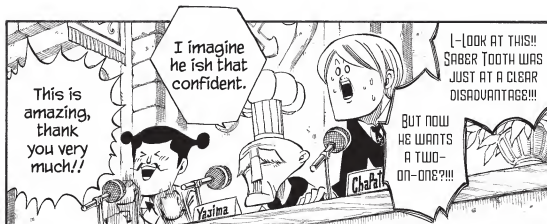




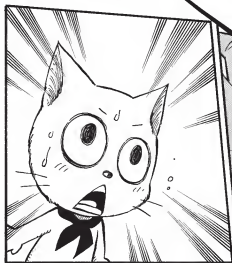
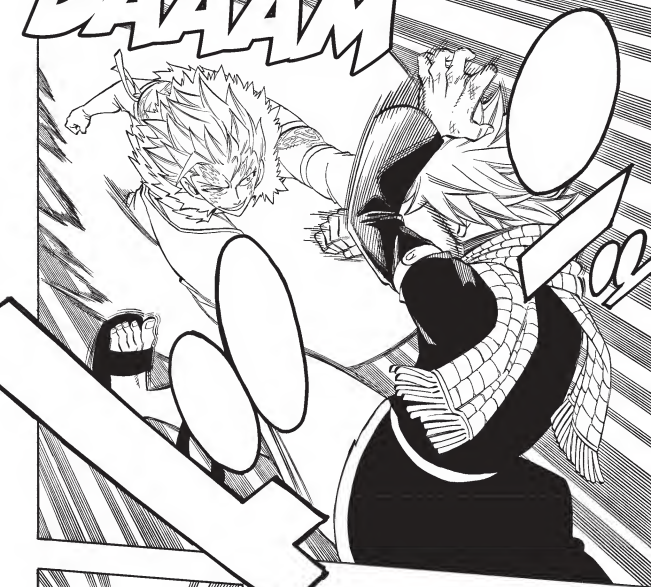


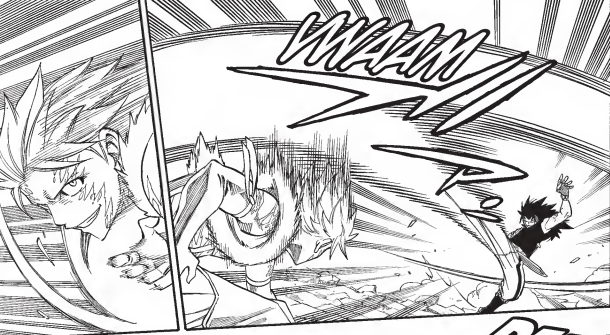






BAAAN

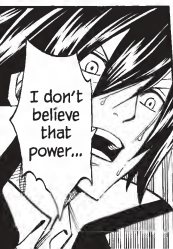






*White Dragon's







Is that
the kind of
destruction
a third
generation
dragon slayer
can generate
?!!!

YOU CAN
ALL WATCH
IT ON THE
STADIUM'S
LACRIMA
VISION!

THE
MATCH IS
STILL ON!!!

Big
bro
!!

Gajeel
!!

ス!!
BACH!!
BACH!!
BACH!!
BACH!!

I'm
still just
getting
warmed
up!!!!

*Fire Dragon's

KARYŪ
NO*...

BWOOGGH



TETSU-
RYŪ
NO...

**Iron Dragon's Roar



...
HÔKÔ*
!!!!

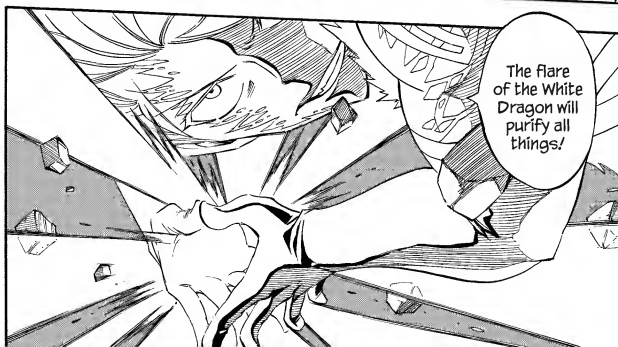
GWOHHH



KENKAKU*
!!!!

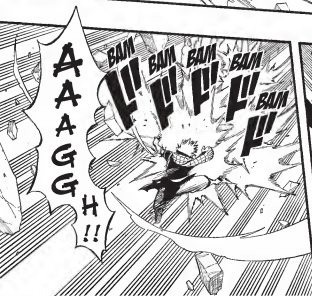
KAFON

*Sword Edge





**HOLY
RAY!!!!**

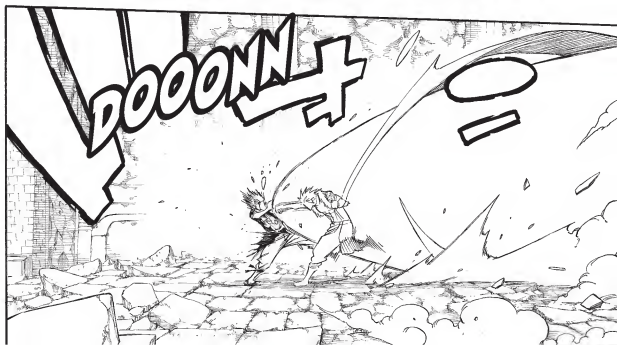


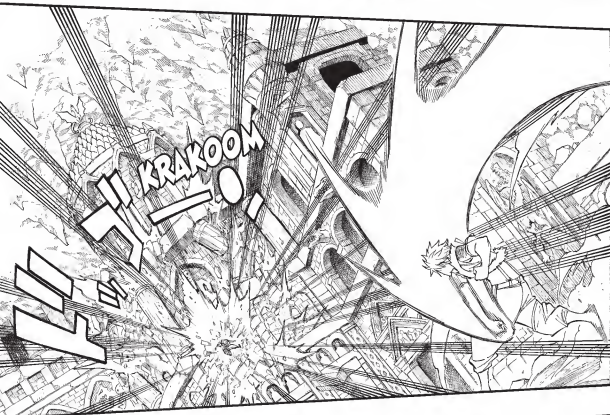


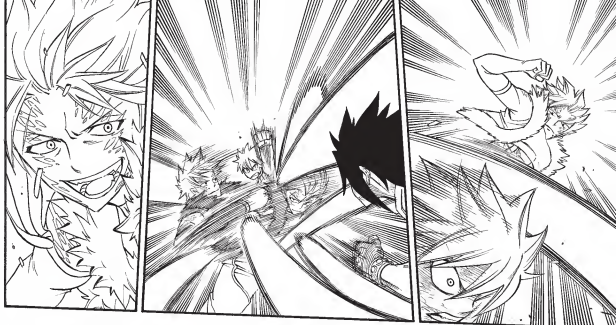
Is this
"Sacred
Magic?"

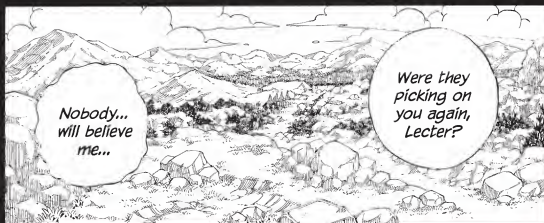


Light
...?!!











There aren't
any dragons
left, but...

... there's
still that
guy called
Salamander,
right?



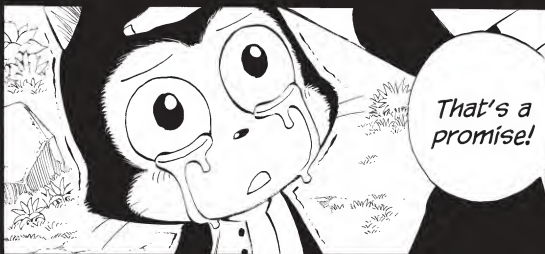
Huh?

Yeah, okay!
Then I'll make
sure everybody
knows you ain't
a liar!



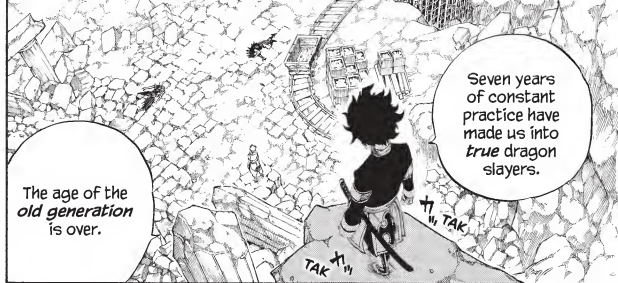
And I'll
do it when
everybody's
watching.

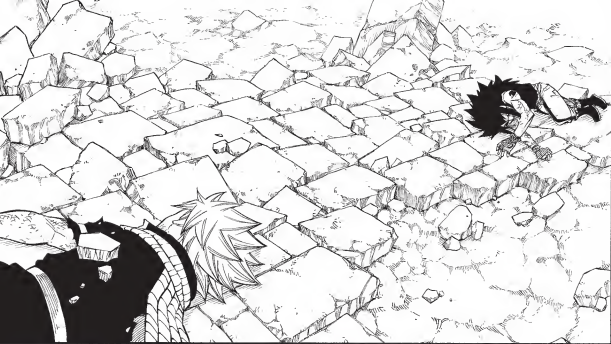
I'll take
him down.



That's a
promise!









But...

Now
I know
all your
tells!



What
?!!



I just used
**Dragon
Force** on
you!!!

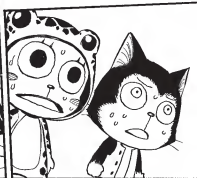
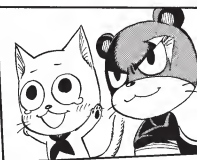
That's...
not
possible
!!

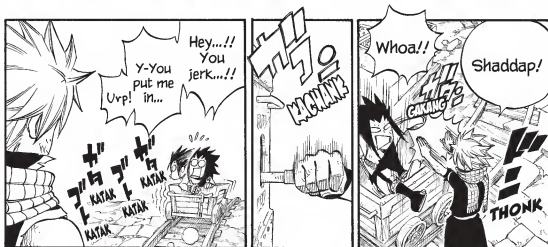
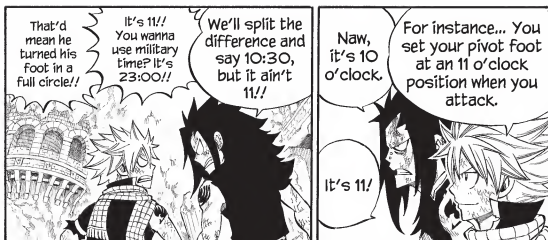
You sure
did!! And it
was a real
blast!! I got
pain all over
my body,
dammit!!



How you time
your attacks.
Your posture
when you go on
defense.

Even your
breathing
patterns.

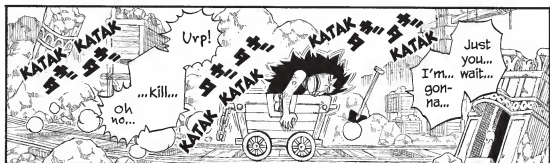
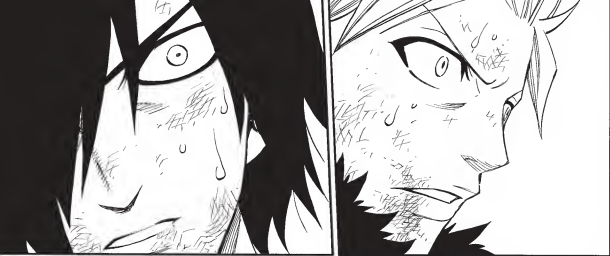






**Just
me alone
will be
plenty
!!!!**

**Come at
me, both
of you at
once!!!!**





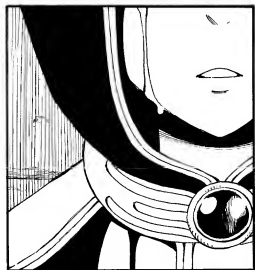
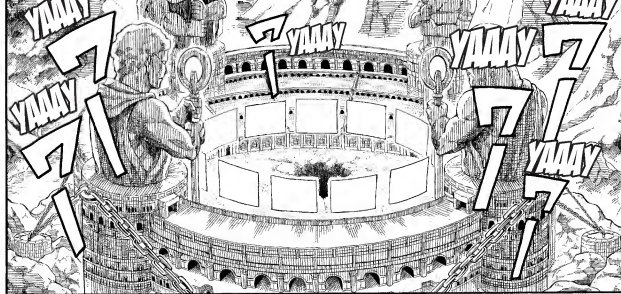
 FAIRYTAIL

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 296: Natsu vs. Twin Dragons

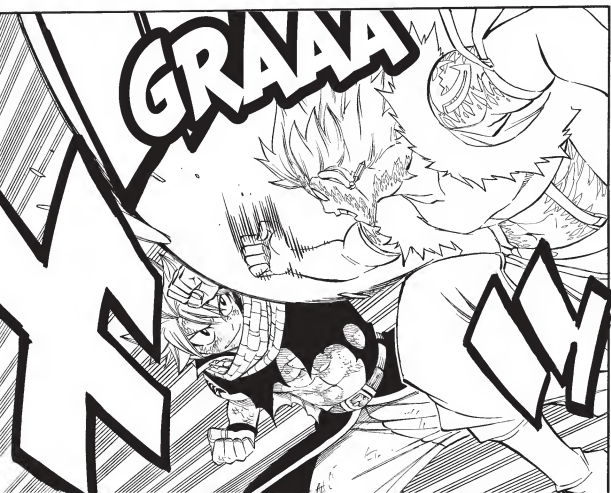


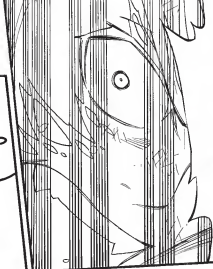
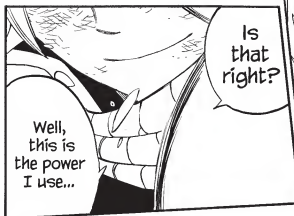


I
know!!

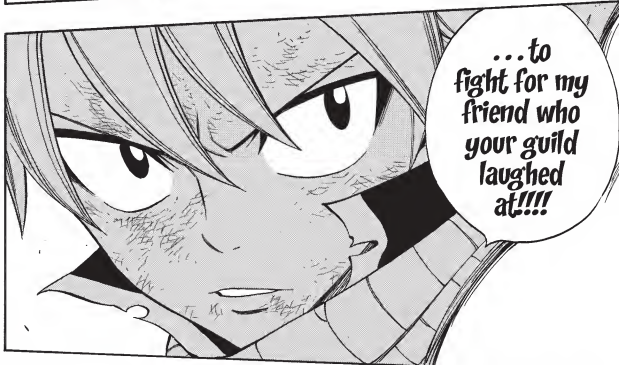








This is the
power I
used to kill
Weisslogia
!!!!





EIRYŪ
NO...



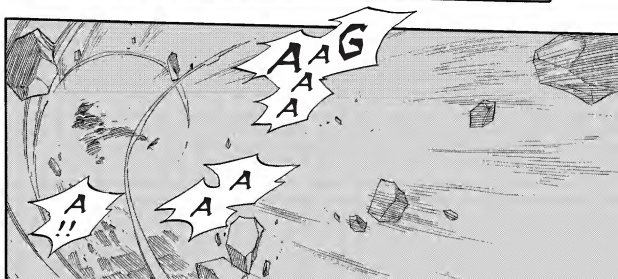
HÔKÔ*
!!!!

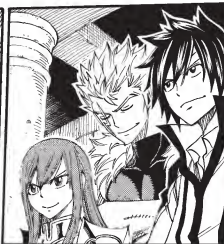
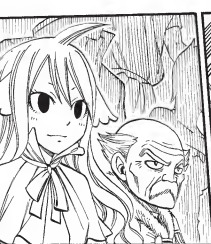
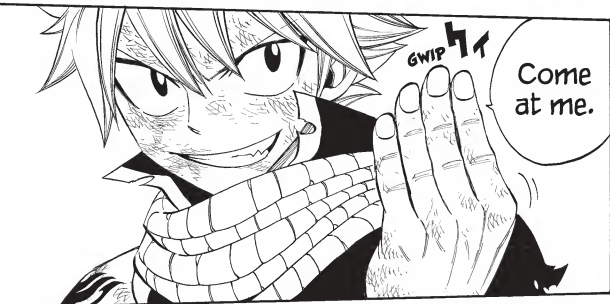
*Fire Dragon's Roar

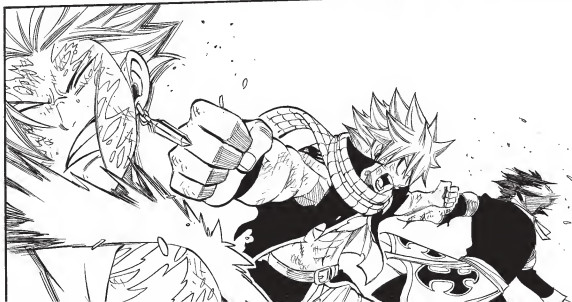
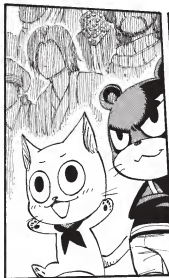
*Shadow Dragon's Roar

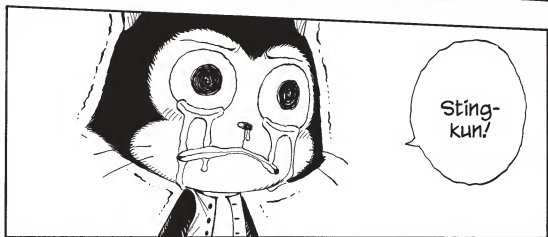
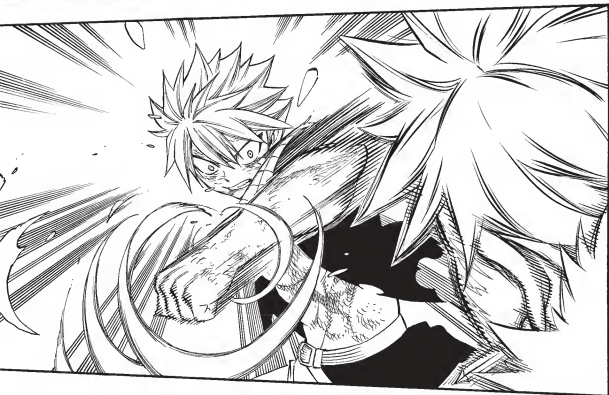
KARYŪ
NO
HÔKÔ*
!!!!!!













Wait, you...

I just watched the fight you had!! I want to become much, much stronger!!



Huh?

Please make me your disciple.



A cat as a disciple...?



I'm not afraid at all!!! I just want to get stronger!!



Yes, master!!!

Yeah, okay. Just follow me.



**Right
!!!!**

Sting
!!!!

In the end, I didn't wind up much stronger... but I sure loved watching Sting and his strength.



There
are some
barriers
that
can't be
broken by
strength
alone.

Sting-
kun,
you're
the best
there
is!!!

A
unison
raid?!



*White Shadow Dragon, Light Fang

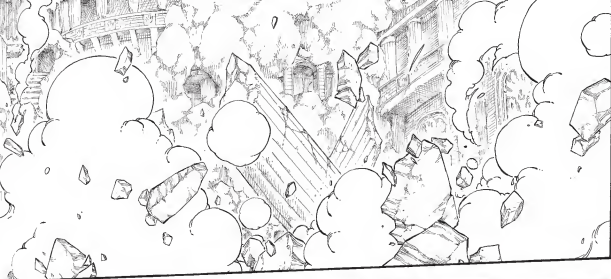
**DRAGON
SLAYER
ULTIMATE
ATTACK...**



*But if there is
a way to break
through the
barrier, it's in
the power of
emotions.*





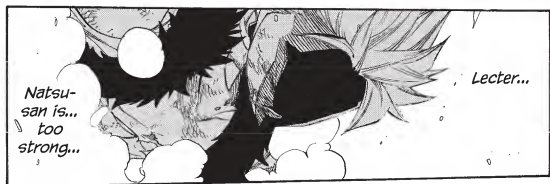


...any...
limits...?

Doesn't
he
have...



Natsu
Dragneel
...



Natsu-
san is...
too
strong...

Lecter...



[-[-[-[-
LOOK AT
THIS...



A guild is a
place where
we encourage
such emotions
to grow.



IT'S
FAIRY
TAIL!!!!

THEY'VE
DEFEATED
THE TWIN
DRAGONS
!!!!

PEEP

No. 1 Fairy Tail 45P

No. 2 Saber Tooth 44P

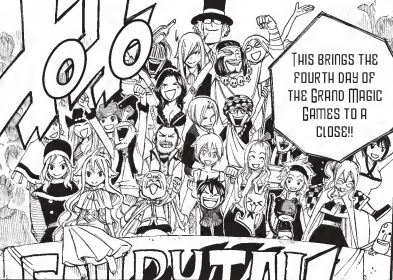
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

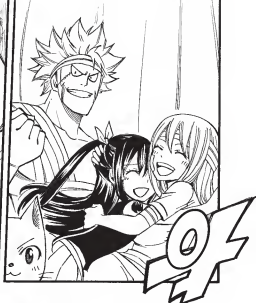
Chapter 297: The Girl's Face He Saw







THIS BRINGS THE
FOURTH DAY OF
THE GRAND MAGIC
GAMES TO A
CLOSE!!



THE FINAL MATCH
WILL BE A SURVIVAL
GAME WITH ALL
FIVE MEMBERS OF
EACH TEAM!



THERE WILL BE A
ONE-DAY BREAK
FROM THE GAMES,
AND AFTER THAT
WILL BE THE FINAL
MATCH!!



Thank
you
very
much
!!!

EVERYONE, YOU
CAN EXPECT
FIREWORKS!!!

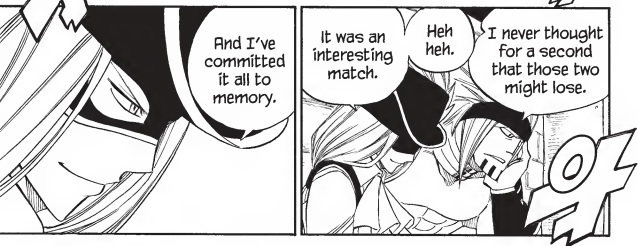
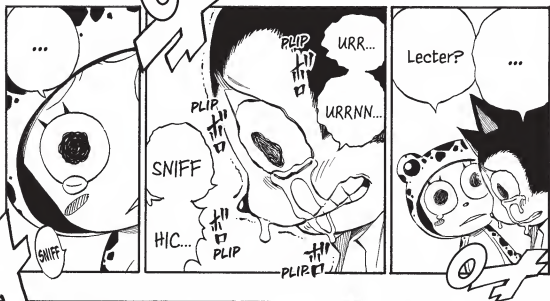


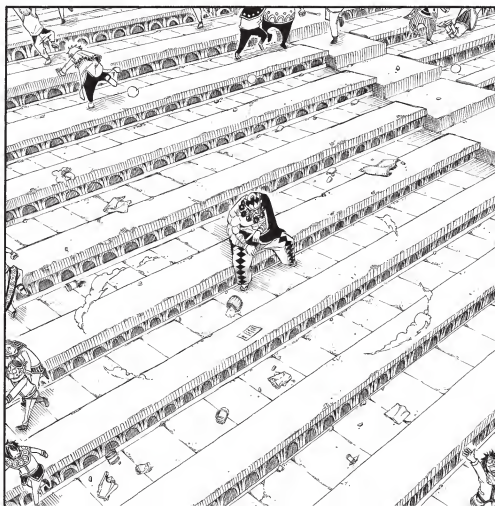
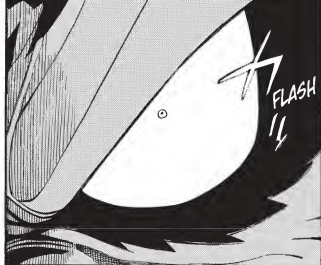
WHICH GUILD WILL
COME OUT THE
VICTOR IN THE
END?!!

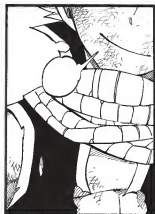
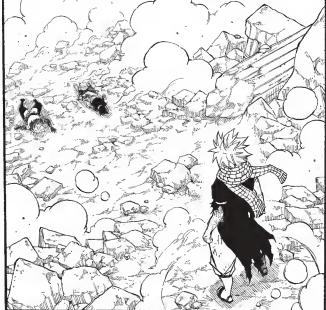


Defeat Fairy Tail!!!!









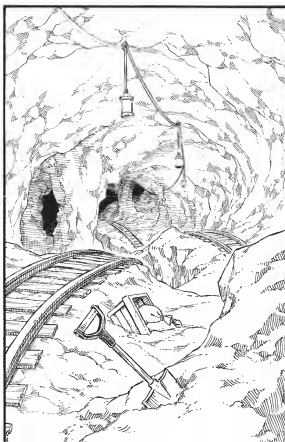
A complete failure...



*...has
the same
fighting
strength
as Natsu...*

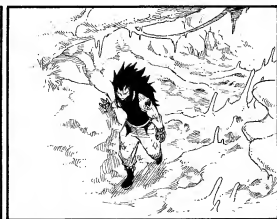


*And if
Gajeel...*



*Just how
overly
cocky was
I this
time?*

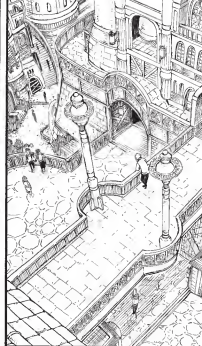


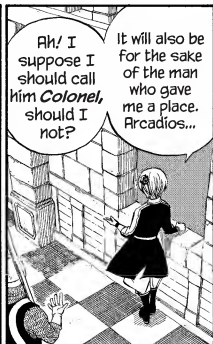
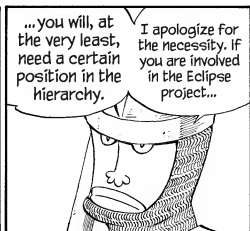


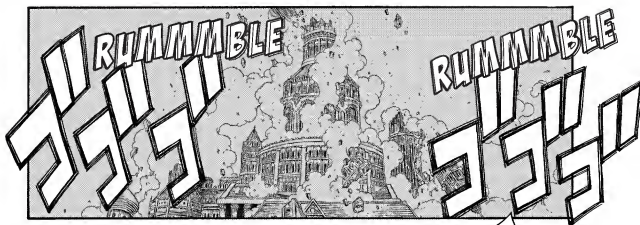


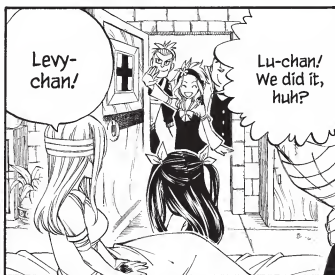
...graveyard?!!

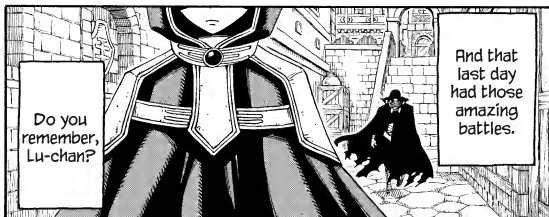
A dragon ...









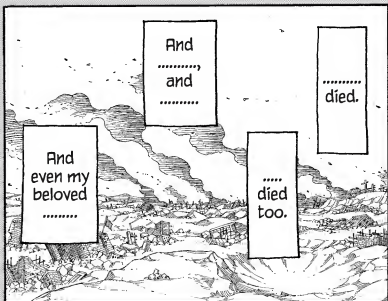


...lost
to that
word...
"Fate."





I don't
have the
words
anymore,
Lu-chan!



And
.....
and
.....

.....
died.

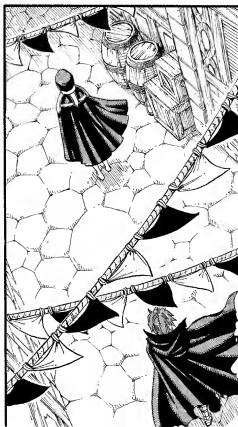
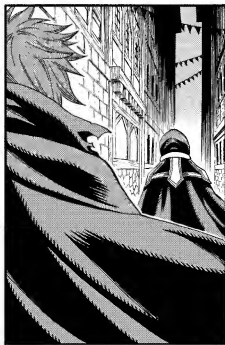
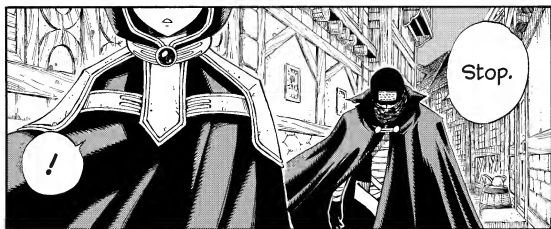
And
even my
beloved
.....

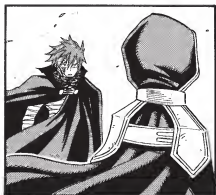
.....
died
too.



I can't
stand
this!

**Some-
one,
please
help!**





It
couldn't
be...
!!!!

...!!!

**To BE
CONTINUED!**

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

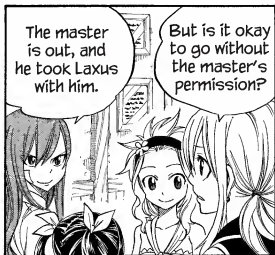
Chapter 298: Exciting Ryuzetsu Land

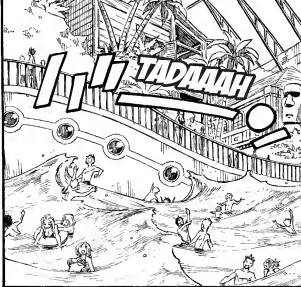




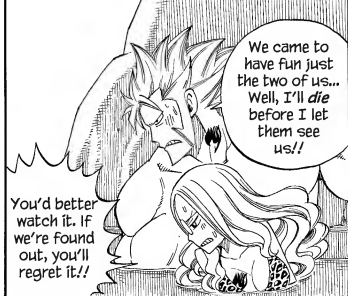
We take you
back to the
evening of
the third
day of the
Grand Magic
Games.



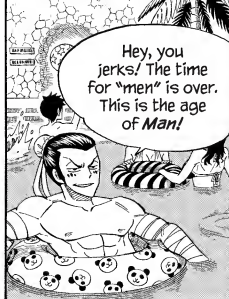


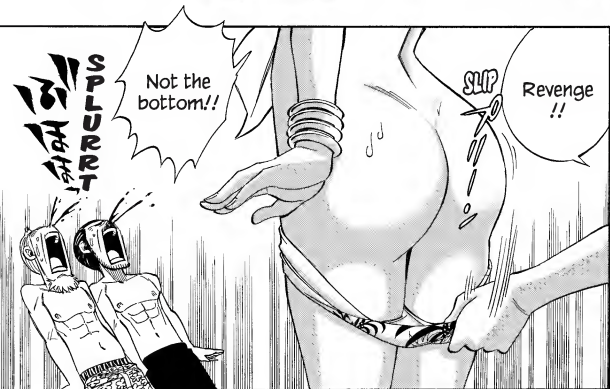


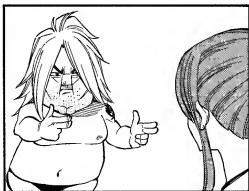


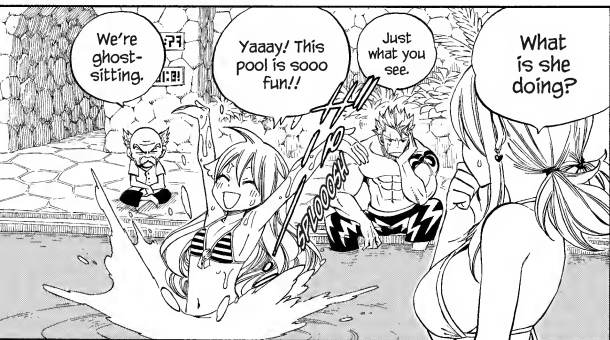
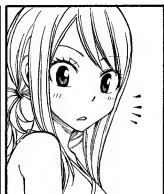


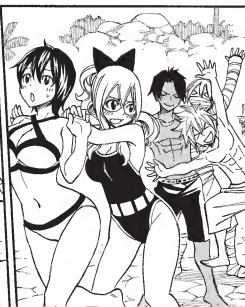
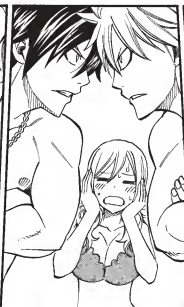
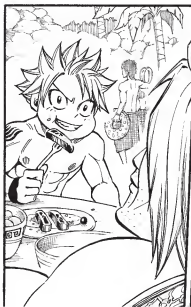
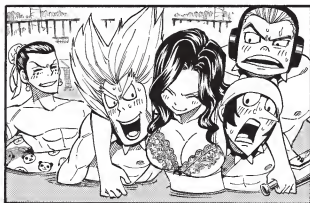


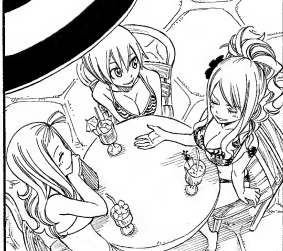


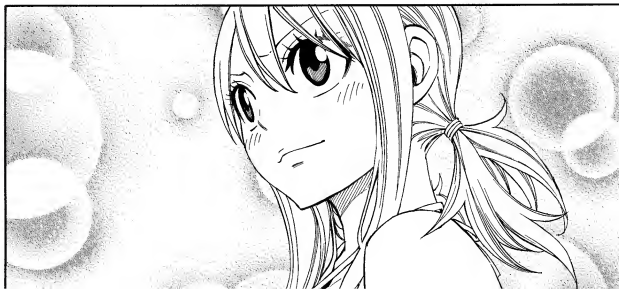


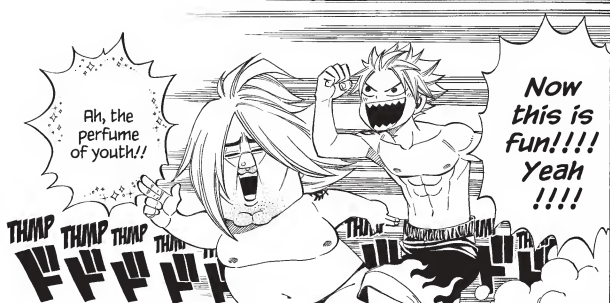










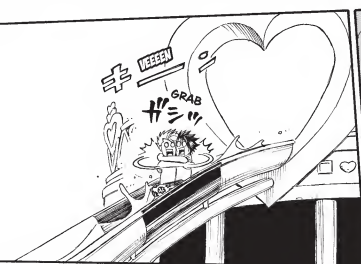






Natsu
?!!

Natsu-
san?!

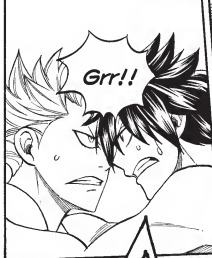


I-is this the
"BL" that
Juvia keeps
hearing
about?!!



That's
my line
!!!!

Why
am I on
this with
you?!!!



Grr!!

You
freeze
!!!!



SHUUSH SHUUSH

Freeze
!!!!



PACHINK



You idiots!!
Anybody who'd
freeze a pool...

What do
you think
you're
do-?!!

It's
col-!

Wai-
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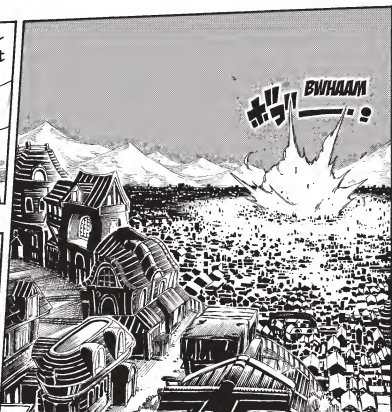
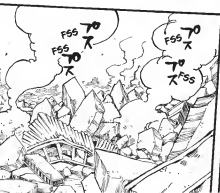
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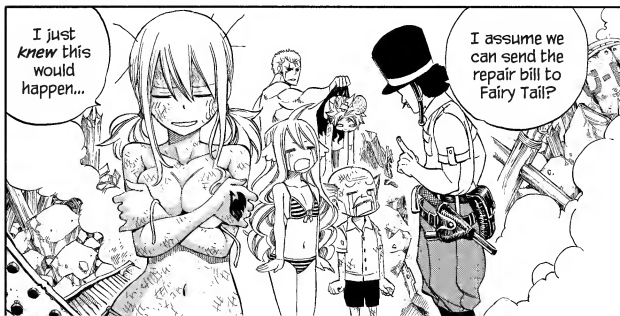
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You know you
shouldn't do
that!



Beats
me.

I wonder
what that
is?



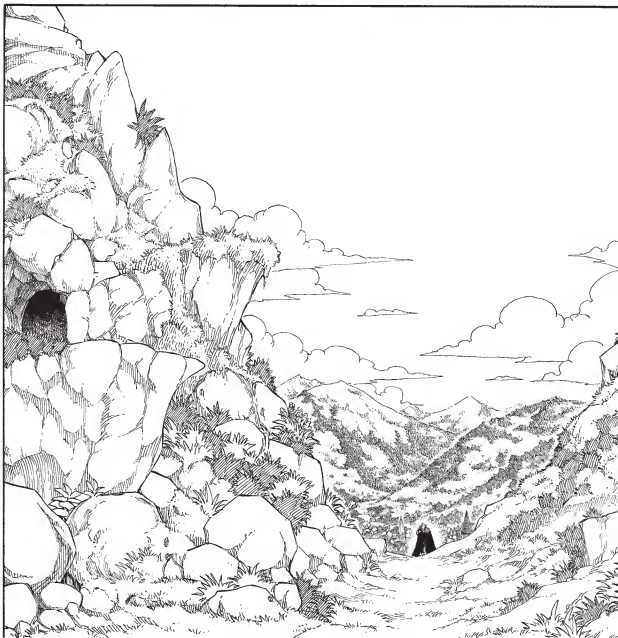
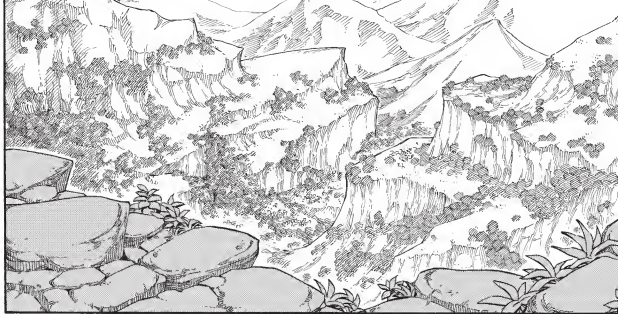


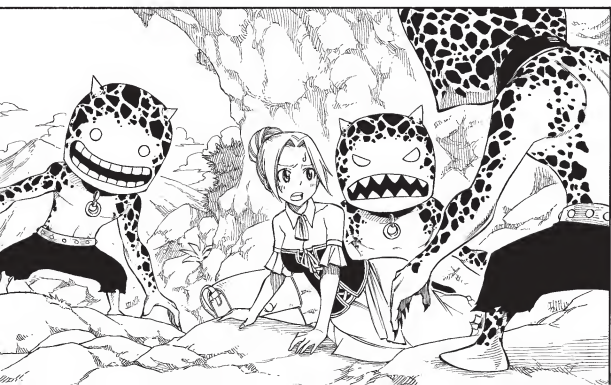
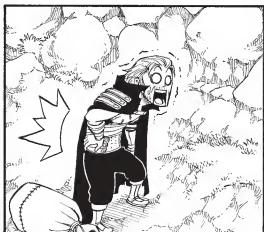
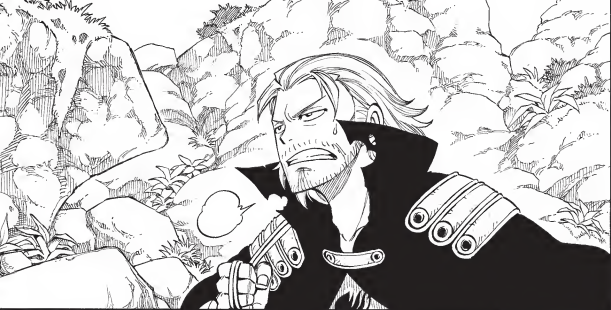
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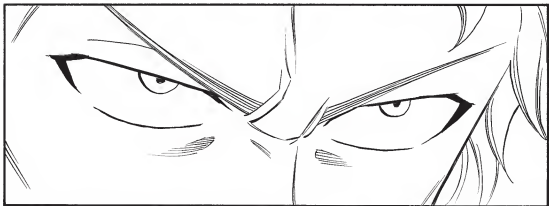
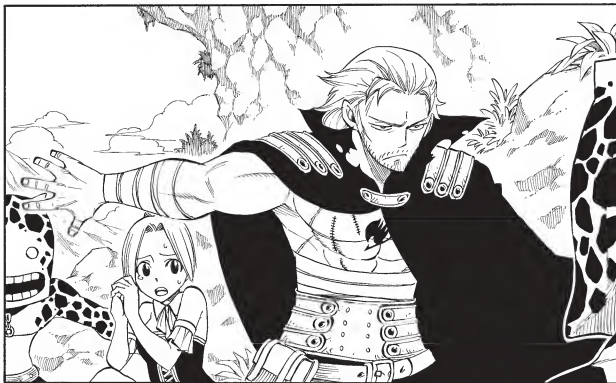
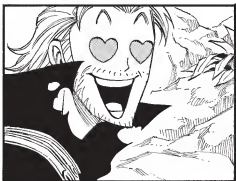
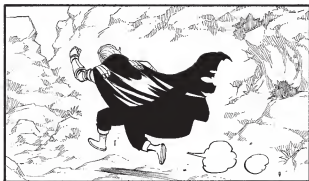
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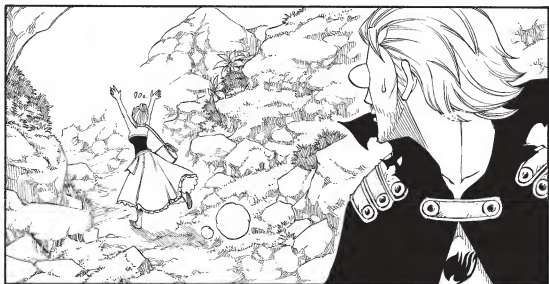
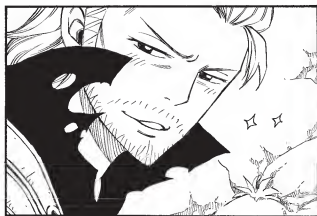


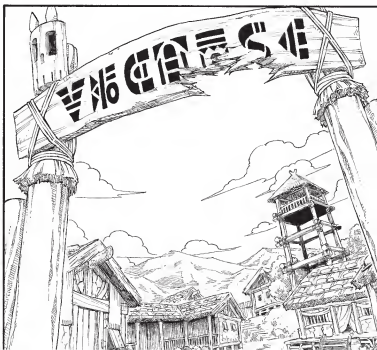
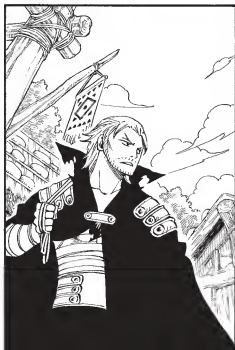
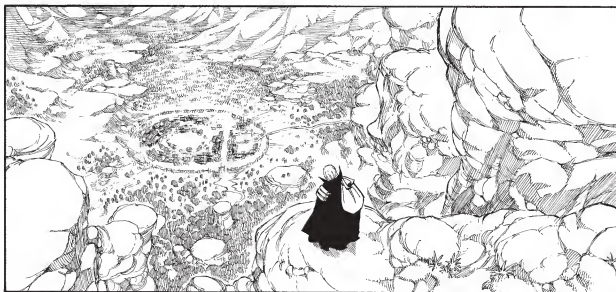
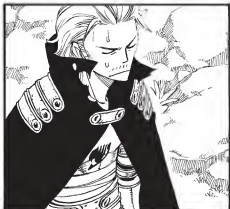
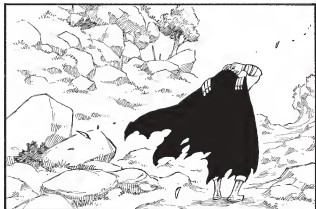
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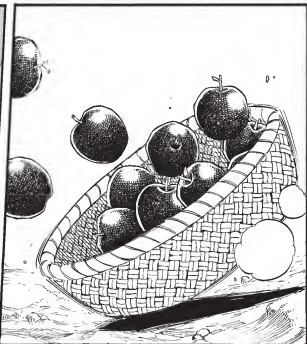
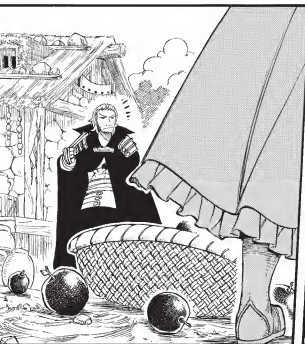
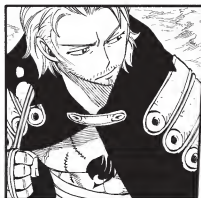
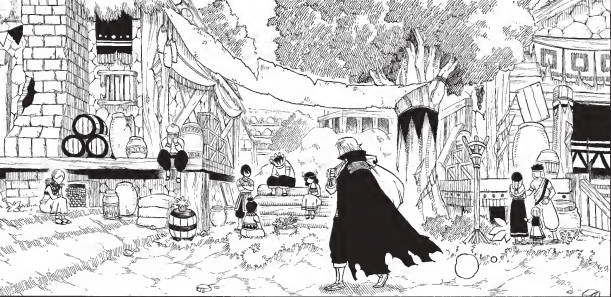


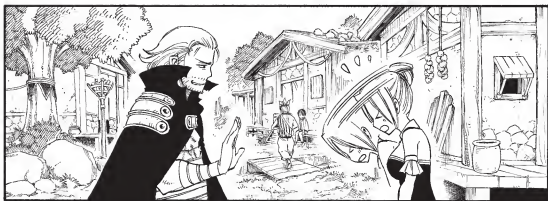
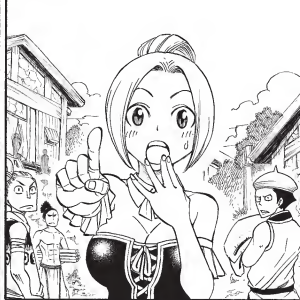


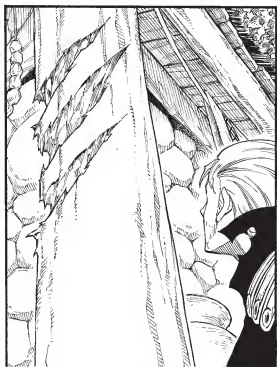
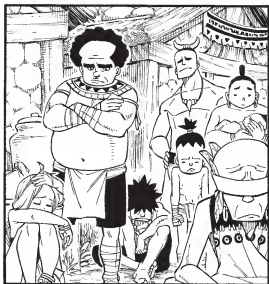
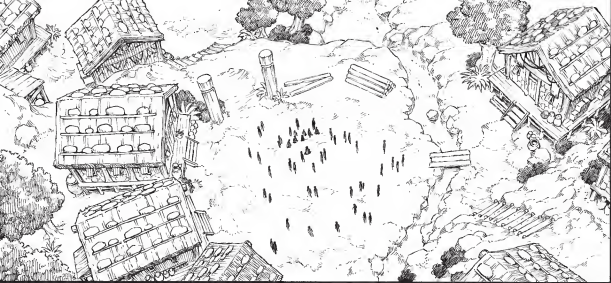


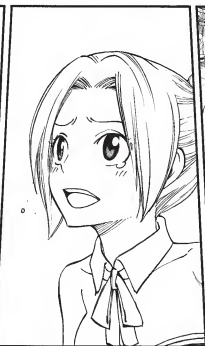
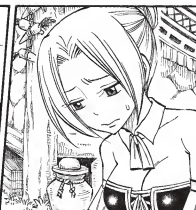


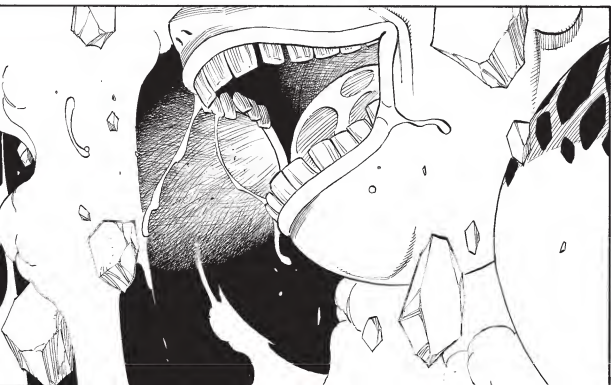
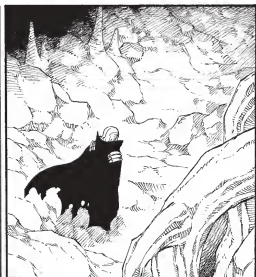
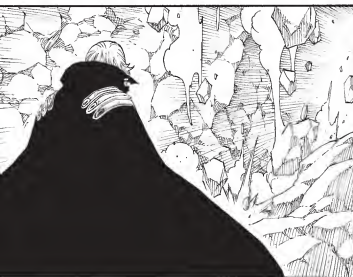
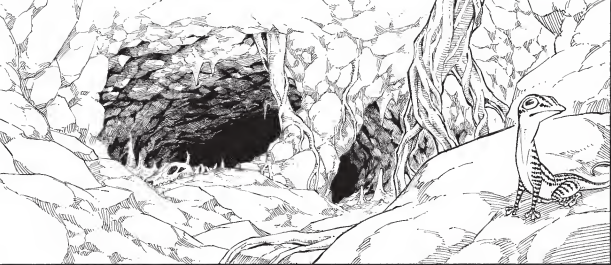




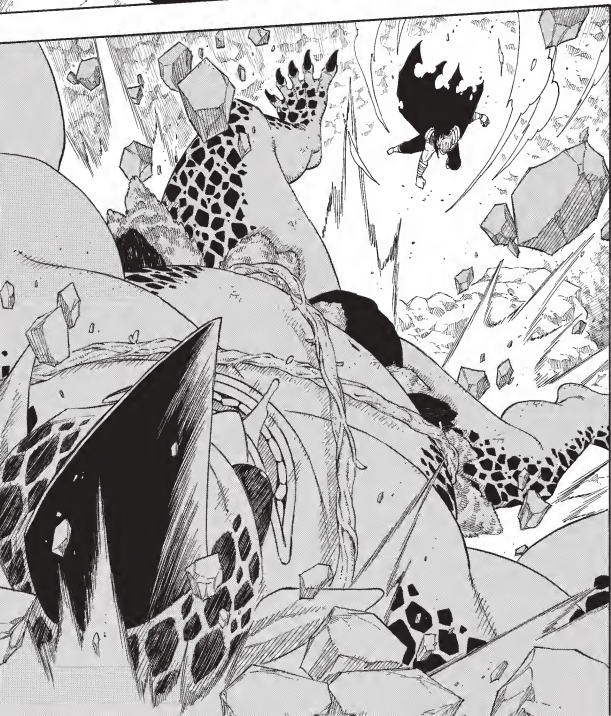
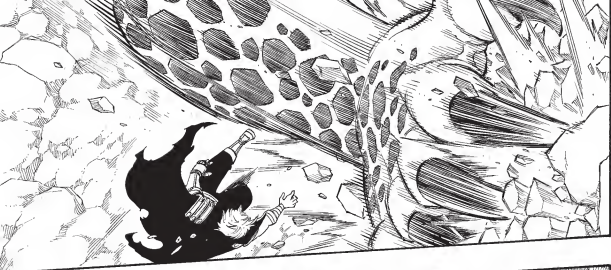


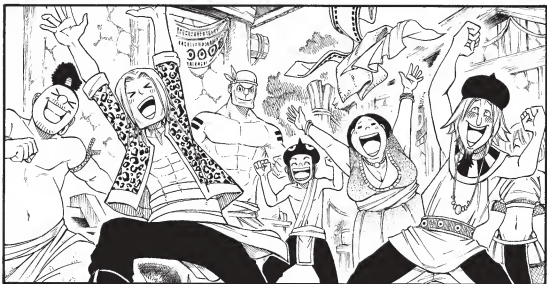
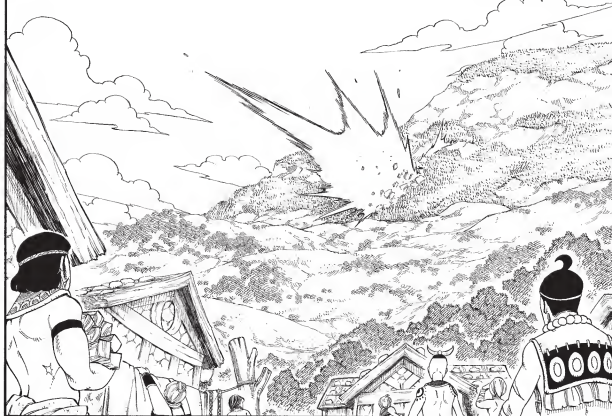


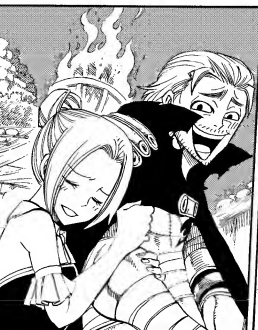
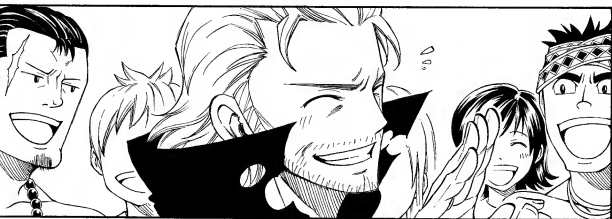
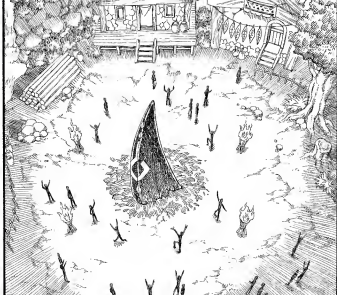
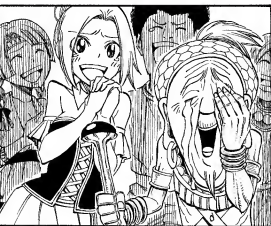


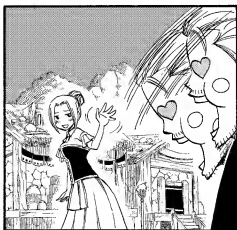
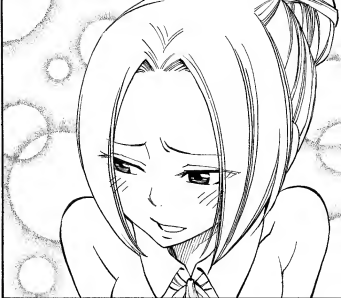


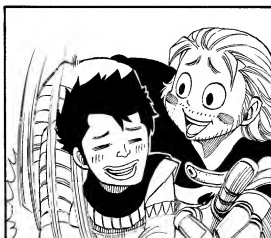
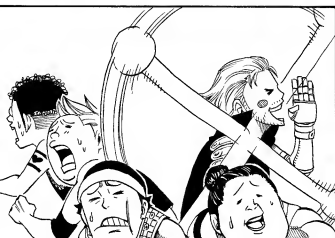
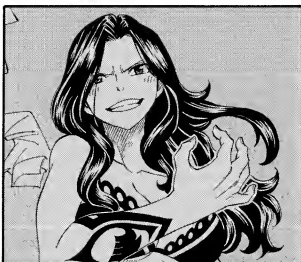
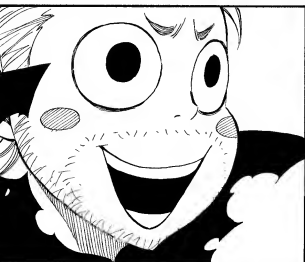
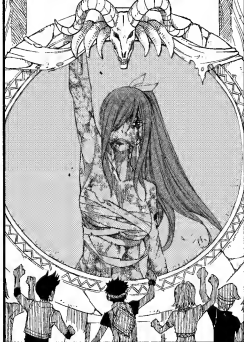


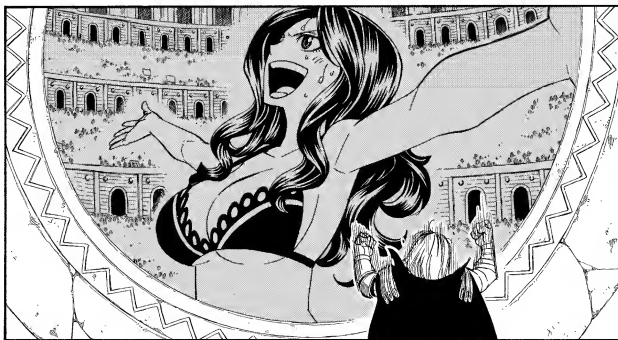
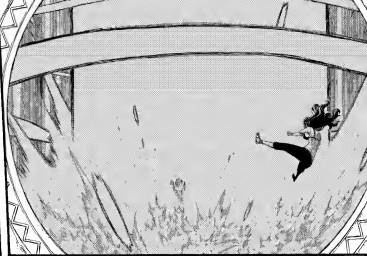


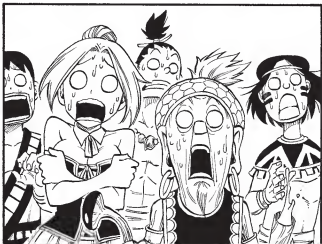
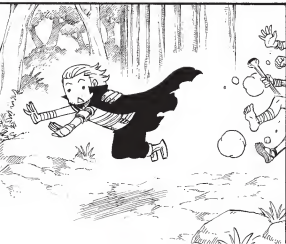
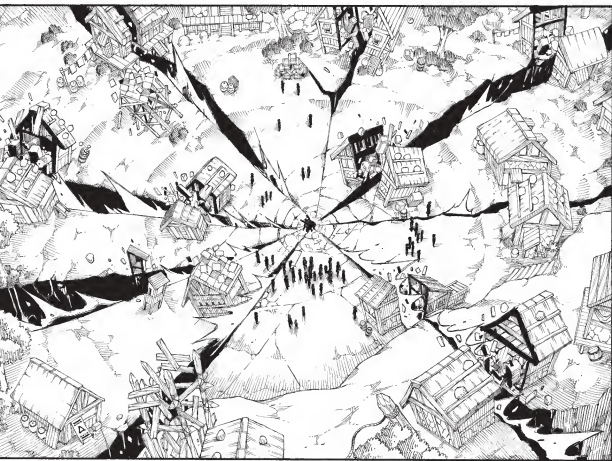
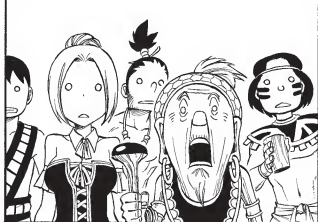


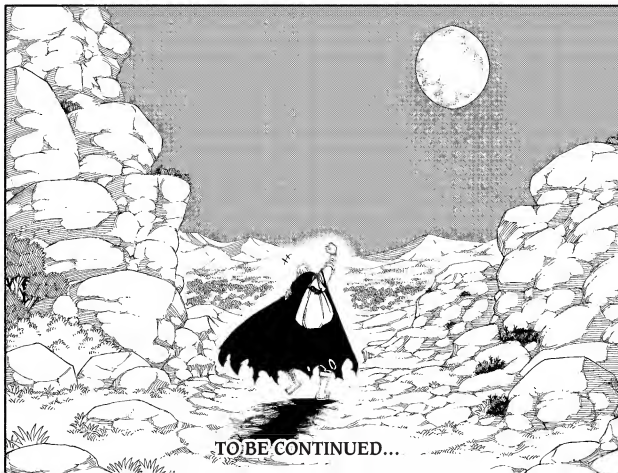












BONUS PAGES



SABER TOOTH



Wants to de-feat.



Want's payback.



BLUE PEGASUS



ENEMIES



Must de-feat.



Crush.



QUATRO CERBERUS



CHARACTER RELATIONSHIP CHART



FAIRY TAIL



You know Jellal ...?



Old Friends.



MERMAID HEEL



is interested in.



LAMIA SCALE



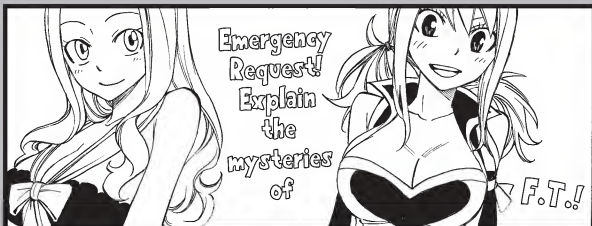
Love.

Rival.

Crush.

Friends.

Watching him?



At a bar in Crocus...



:Let's celebrate!! We're past chapter 299!!



:Yaaa!! Wait... If we're going to celebrate, shouldn't we be celebrating at Chapter 300P

Mira: And we're going to kick off our question corner for this volume!

Lucy: Yaaa!! Ignoring me this time, too!

Mira: The first question.

Is Frosch male or female?



Lucy: We get this question a lot.

Mira: I think she's a she!

Lucy: Huh? I figure that he's a he.

Mira: Then let's do rock-paper-scissors to decide it.



:It isn't something that can be decided that way!

Mira: Actually, I'm less concerned about whether Frosch is male or female, and more about whether Frosch is a frog or a cat.

Lucy: I'd have to side heavily with "cat."



:Well, we have a "questionable" character anyway, so go ahead and have fun forming your own conclusions.



:There doesn't seem to be an answer coming...

Mira: Next question!

Why didn't Toby notice a sock that's been hanging around his neck for three months?



Lucy: I think it should be forbidden to ask this question seriously. (laughter)

Mira: Right. It's just surrealism!

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Continued from the left-hand page.

Lucy: If we have to give an answer, it's because he's a dumb guy.

Mira: Let's go to the next question.

Won't the master of Mermaid Heel ever show up?



Lucy: No master *has* shown up, huh?

Mira: Actually, there is a big secret surrounding this.

Lucy: What?! Now I want to know!!

Mira: You know that Mermaid Heel has a strict rule that it's an all-female guild, right?

Lucy: Yeah!

Mira: Well the master *looks* like an old lady, but in reality she's a

man!

Lucy: Whaaaaaaa?!!

Mira: The guy goes in drag and is surrounded by girls, so he thinks of them as his harem!

Lucy: You're lying to me, aren't you?!!



:Of course I am! (smile)



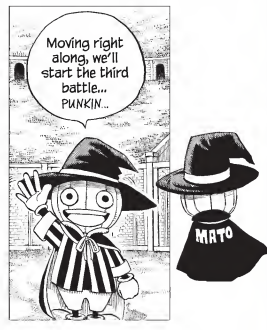
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Mira: It's all a lie! But if the story requires it, the master will probably show up sometime.

Lucy: This girl here tells some pretty elaborate lies.

Mira: And the last question of the column.

Just what is Mato anyway?



Lucy: He's the official mascot of the Grand Magic Games. That much I know...

Mira: You can buy all sorts of Mato-kun goods all over Crocus!

Lucy: I saw those too! Key holders, notebooks...

Mira: If you're wondering about who is inside, well that's just something you have to look forward to! ♥



I can't say I'm expecting much out of it. (After all, there was the big reveal of the Blue Pegasus Rabbit, and we know how that turned out...)

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Afterword

This one's long, huh? This series! I can't seem to wrap it up in three volumes like I usually do. I've had this vague idea of a story structure, but recently I've been doing a string of long arcs. I feel the urge to do a short arc once the Grand Magic Games arc is over. This time, without so many characters. And I counted this time, and we've gone over 80 named characters! (cries) That makes it really hard to draw every week, it wears me out! Well, sure, we don't draw all 80 characters in every chapter, but in the next volume, the number of characters will increase again, it seems. What is with this series...?

Actually, this series began with an idea of "a festival!!" sort of feeling. And in trying to take all the best ideas from my previous story-telling experience, it's given this series a very climactic feel. There have been a lot of rumors running around saying, "This will be the end of Fairy Tail." Well, it isn't ending. I know that **someday**, we'll have an ending, but for right now, there are at least three full episodes I'd like to play out. That means somewhere around 15-20 volumes maybe? Of course, it's always possible that it **could** end sooner, but it's also possible that it **could** go on much longer than that. I'm certainly not thinking about doing the final chapter yet.

So here we are at volume 35. I mentioned this before, but my previous work ended at this same number of volumes. So you can think of 36 as a "beginning." I hope you will still support me!



A GREAT NUMBER OF ALL KINDS
OF EMOTIONS GREET THE FINAL
DAY OF THE "FESTIVAL"...

PREVIEW OF THE NEXT VOLUME

LOOK AT THIS!!
WE'VE HAD
A MEMBER
SUBSTITUTION
!!!!

THE NATURE OF THE ECLIPSE PLAN IS FINALLY
REVEALED! BUT THE SITUATION TAKES AN
UNEXPECTED TURN, AND LUCY IS CAPTURED!

Take it,
children
!!!!

WE WILL ALLOW NO ONE ELSE THE
POSITION OF, "THE STRONGEST!"
THE CHOICE ONLY GOES TO THE WINNER.
SURVIVE THE DESPERATE FINAL BATTLE!!

Your
friends will
lead you toward
victory!

That
is what
"battle" is
to me!

MEANWHILE, NATSU'S GROUP GOES OUT ON
A TOP-SECRET MISSION! THEY HAVE ONLY ONE
GOAL: BREAK LUCY FREE!!

FAIRY TAIL
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THE "GRAND MAGIC GAMES" ARC WHERE
MYSTERY AND MAYHEM REIGN!
BUT NOW IT'S A BATTLE
ON TWO FRONTS!!

DON'T MISS IT!!

FAIRY TAIL 35

フェアリーテイル

KIKO HOSHINO



January



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



In the Japanese version, this volume, Vol. 35, has the normal edition and a special edition released with an OAD (original animation DVD). The two have different covers, but the manga on the inside is exactly the same, so be sure not to buy both by mistake! Also the DVD this time is pretty incredible...

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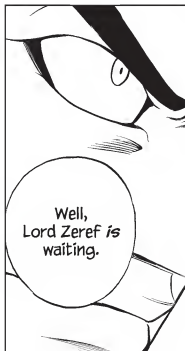
Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 19, Lord Zeref

In the Japanese, "Lord Zeref" is "Zeref-kyô." As mentioned in the notes of Volume 26, there are a number of honorifics that are known to modern Japanese, but are not in common usage. More often seen is *-dono* (see below), and a less-common, more polite honorific is *-kyô*.

Page 35, Penitent Meeen.

In Japanese, Nichiya uses a rather formal and archaic way of apologizing, *menbokunai* (literally, "I have no honor;" but it is a way of expressing shame and guilt for an action). However, being an Ichiya clone, he does it by saying, "meeen-bokunai."



Page 134, Makarov-dono

As mentioned in previous notes, *-dono* is an honorific much like *-sama*, an honorific that indicates a lot of respect. But it is also somewhat archaic and is not used in everyday society. It has a somewhat old-fashioned feel to it. Still, the character of Jura uses this honorific quite often.



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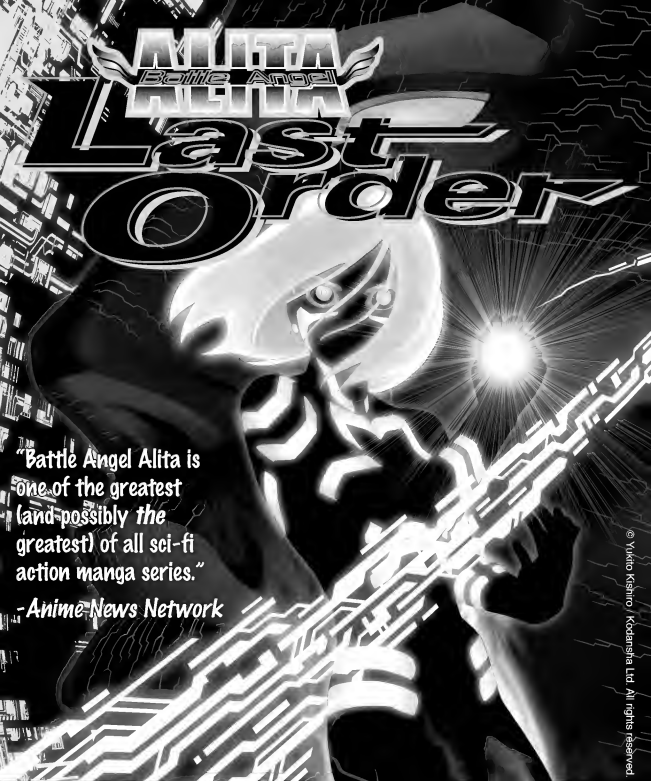


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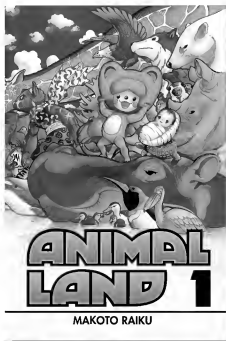
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MAKOTO RAIKU

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

In a world of animals
where the strong eat the weak,
Monoko the tanuki stumbles
across a strange creature
the like of which has never
been seen before -
a human baby!

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claws or teeth to protect itself,
it does have the rare ability
to speak to and understand
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